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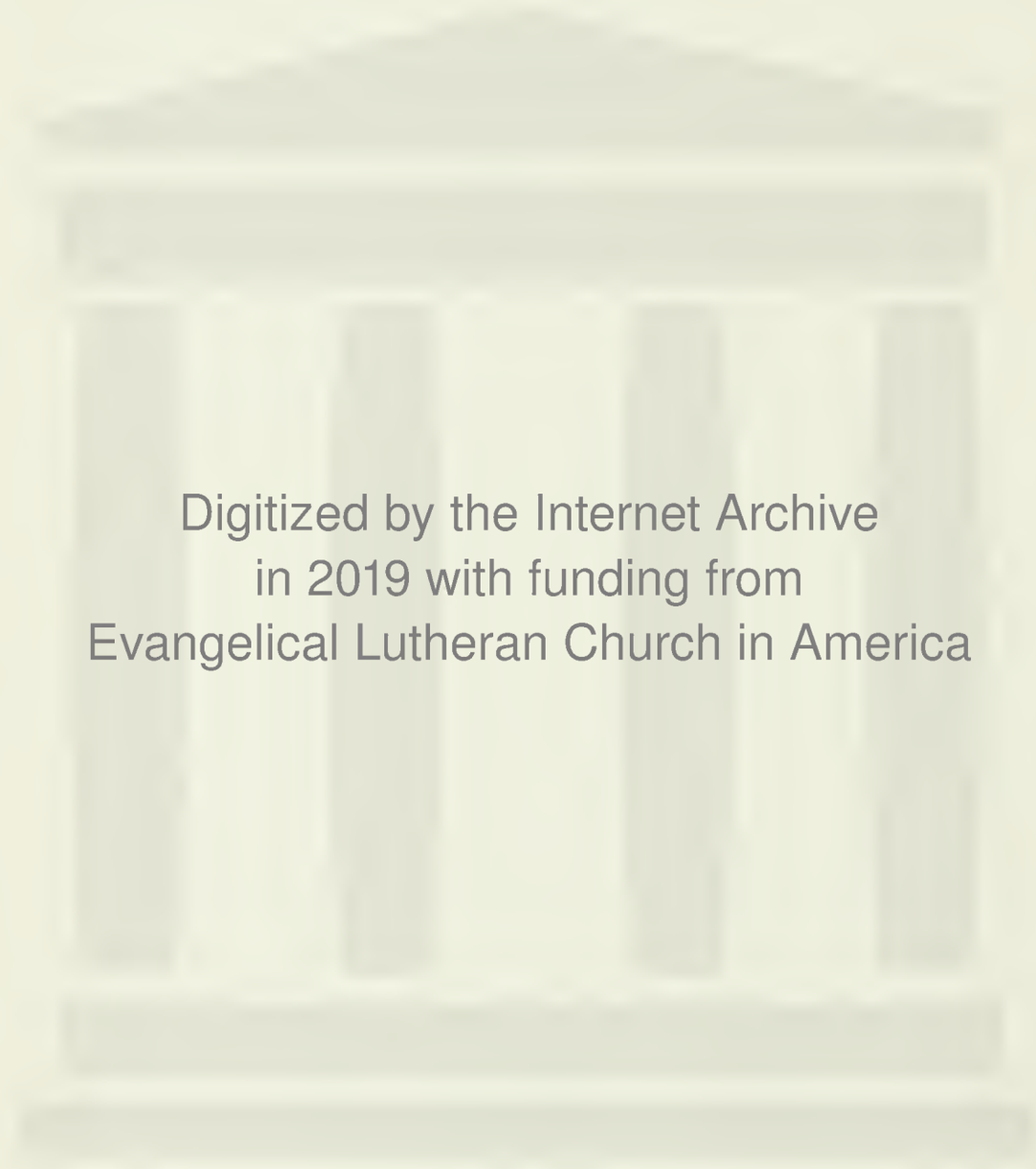

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church,

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN THE

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

GREENVILLE, PA.,

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MINUTES.

The Twentieth Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D., pastor, in Greenville, Pa., and was opened with a full divine service on Thursday morning, September 8, 1887. The President, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., preached the opening sermon, which was followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1887, 2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened by the President according to the Liturgy of the Church. The Recording Secretary being absent, Rev. G. W. Mechling was appointed English Recording Secretary and Rev. J. Heischmann German Recording Secretary, *pro tempore*. The roll of Synods was called, and the delegates presented their credentials.

Roll of the Council.

I.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.	Mr. A. W. Potteiger,
" J. A. Seiss, D. D.	W. H. Staake, Esq.
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.	Mr. T. H. Diehl,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	" Levi H. Weiss,
" M. C. Horine,	" Henry Lehman,
" S. A. Repass, D. D.	" A. G. Saeger,
" T. L. Seip, D. D.	" Fredrick Bauer.
" G. A. Hinterleitner, D. D.	
" J. J. Kuendig,	

Ministers.

Rev. Enoch Smith,
" S. A. Ziegenfuss,
" J. W. Early,
" F. F. Buermeyer,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" F. Wischan.

II.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Rev. J. Steinhauser,
" J. Nicum,
" A. Richter,
" G. Haas,
" J. Petersen,
" G. Gomph,
" Fr. Kaehler,
" J. Heischmann.

Mr. G. Leicht,
" J. G. Wagner,
" Carl Schwabe,
" J. Schneider,
" H. Heuer.

III.—PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. J. K. Melhorn,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.
" E. Belfour, D. D.
" J. A. Kunkleman, D. D.
" G. A. Wenzel, D. D.
" W. A. Passavant, Jr.
" E. G. Lund,
" J. C. Kunzman,

Mr. G. F. Huff,
" S. S. Blyholder,
" J. Whitesell,
" Henry Bush,
" Michael Keffer,
" F. E. Heilman,
" C. J. Beck,
" J. F. Shaner.

IV.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Rev. J. F. Fahs,
" G. W. Mechling,
" J. H. Smith.

Prof. H. K. Gebhart,
Mr. J. H. Feilbach.

V.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MICHIGAN.

No delegates from this Synod were present.

VI.—SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. O. Olsson,
" A. G. Johnson,
" G. H. Trabert.

Mr. A. B. Lilja,
" J. P. Samuelson.

VII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. Veit,	Mr. H. Van der Smissen.

VIII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegate present.

IX.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN HOLSTON SYNOD.

No delegate.

X.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Rev. C. Koerner.

Synods with Privilege of Debate.

XI.—NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

No delegation.

XII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. S. Fritschel, D. D.

List of Visiting Ministers in the Unity of the Faith.

Rev. J. O. Baker,
" G. W. Critchlow,
" N. N. Fegley,
" W. G. Miller,
" J. Heck,
" G. Hoppe,
" J. A. Kribbs,
" S. W. Kuhns,
" F. C. L. Lemcke,
" Prof. McKee,
" Prof. J. R. Titzel,
" G. E. Titzel,
" J. A. J. Zahn,
Rev. C. A. Fetzer,
" J. B. Fox,
" G. Gaumer,
" Prof. H. Gilbert,
" T. B. Rath,
" — Reiman,
" J. S. Reinarts,
" J. L. Smith,
" J. W. Meyer,
" J. H. Orr,
" A. D. Potts,
" A. Scheffer,
" Prof. J. E. Whitaker.

Rev. Prof. H. W. Roth, D. D.

The President presented a report of his official correspondence and acts during the year, which was received and referred to a Committee, as follows :

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Allow me to present to you, at the opening of this Convention, the usual short statement concerning the official correspondence of your presiding officer during the past year.

1. The Establishment of a Branch of our Immigrant Mission in Baltimore.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Convention in Chicago, Rev. E, G. Tressel, of Washington, D. C., the President of the Concordia District of the Joint Synod of Ohio, sent an official communication, dated November, 17th, 1886, in which he "respectfully and humbly, but earnestly and solemnly, protests" against the contemplated establishment of a branch of our Immigrant Mission at Baltimore, which he considered as an effort to "establish a congregation there in opposition to "the existing congregations" of the Joint Synod of Ohio in that city. I answered his letter, explaining the character of our Immigrant Mission Work and correcting the misapprehension under which the writer of the protest had evidently been laboring. Since then nothing has been heard from that quarter. A copy of my answer accompanies this report. (*Doc. A.*)

2. The English Mission at Jamestown, N. Y.

Under date of January 24th, 1887, an official document was addressed to me, signed by a "majority of the Deacons and Trustees of the Swedish English Lutheran Congregation, of Jamestown, N. Y., requesting the General Council to discontinue their mission among the Swedes in Jamestown and thereabouts." As the Home Mission Committee of this Body had nothing to do with the mission work in Jamestown, I sent the communication to the President of the District Conference of the New York Ministerium, under whose auspices the work had been undertaken. (*Doc. B.*)

3. The Texas Synod.

Rev. E. Huber, the President of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, sent a letter, asking this Body to excuse the non-appearance of a delegate from Texas at this Convention, on account of the great distance, and the inability of the Synod to bear the necessary expenses. No minutes of the Texas Synod have reached me, but I understand that there will be a special paper presented to

this Body by a number of pastors of the Texas Synod, asking the advice and decision of the General Council on certain questions that have lately arisen within that Synod. (*C.*)

4. The General Lutheran Conference in Germany.

In the second week of the month of October, the "General Conference of the Lutheran Ministers in Germany," will meet in the city of Hamburg. This Body has, from the beginning, entertained most kind and pleasant relations to the German Conference in which the most prominent Theologians and leaders of our Lutheran Zion in the old fatherland meet from time to to time. Already in 1868, our General Council issued a fraternal address to this Conference, which met with a warm response in a letter of the late Dr. Harless, (see minutes of the 17th Convention of the General Council, p. 43), in which he says: "You and we are one flesh and one blood, and must live and labor and suffer, and hope together." There can be no doubt among us that the good understanding, the sympathy and in certain matters, for instance, the work of Emigrant Mission, even the co-operation of the two Bodies, is of the greatest importance for our Church on both sides of the Atlantic. I therefore take the liberty to recommend to this venerable Body that the meeting of the General Conference in Germany be properly noticed by our Convention, either by fraternal correspondence or by the appointment of a delegate or visitor. If such a visitor should be delegated by the General Council, the Hamburg American Packet Company generously offer free passage to Hamburg.

5. Invitations for the Next Convention.

Two very urgent invitations to the General Council have reached me during the last week, (*Doc. D. and E.*) one dated August 31st, from the English St. John's Lutheran Congregation, in Minneapolis, Rev. G. H. Trabert, pastor, in which invitation the Swedish Augustana Congregation of the same city joins by a unanimous vote. The other invitation, dated August 27th, comes from the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Ebenezer Church, San Francisco, Cal., Rev. J. Tellen, pastor, that faithful and indefatigable pioneer who has so successfully hoisted our flag on the shores of the Pacific.

Whatever action the General Council may take on these urgent and generous invitations, to come further West than our Body has ever been, there can be no doubt that our interests and work in the great West is thus brought before us as never before, and that we must all

feel encouraged and be stirred up to see, and to do our duty to God and to the church of our fathers, in the almost boundless field of Home Missions.

And may the Lord Himself be with us, and grant us wisdom to know, and strength from on high to do, that which is right and pleasing in His eyes, and will build up His Kingdon and glorify His name. Amen.

A. SPAETH.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected by ballot as follows:

Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., *President,*
" G. W. Mechling, *English Recording Secretary*,
" J. Nicum, *German Recording Secretary*,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D., *English Corresponding Secretary*,
" S. Klingman, *German Corresponding Secretary*,
" E. Norelius, *Swedish Corresponding Secretary*,
W. H. Staacke, Esq., *Treasurer*.

The time of meeting and adjournment was fixed as follows:
From 9—11½ o'clock, A. M.,
" 2½—4½ P. M.,
" 7½—9½ P. M.

It was resolved to devote Friday evening to a service in the interest of the Home Mission Work; and Monday evening was set apart for the consideration of the Foreign Mission Work.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was made the first order for Friday afternoon.

The Synods, on request, presented copies of their minutes, and some of them abstracts of their proceedings, which were referred to a committee, as follows:

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.,
" J. W. Early,
" J. C. J. Peterson,
" J. F. Fahs,
" Prof. O. Olsson,
" F. Veit.
Mr. G. Leicht,
" J. P. Samuelson,
" C. J. Beck,
Prof. H. K. Gebhart.

The minutes of the last Convention were referred to a Committee composed of:

Rev. Dr. E. Belfour,
" E. Smith,
" G. Haas,
" C. Koerner.
Mr. T. H. Diehl,
" S. S. Blyholder.

Rev. L. M. Kemerer was appointed to report the proceedings of this Convention to the press.

The Report of the English Home Mission Committee was read, after which the Synods reported their action in regard to the proposed change in the plan of Home Missions, which was referred to them at the last Convention of this body; and after considerable discussion, Rev. Dr. Schmucker offered a resolution upon the subject, pending the consideration of which the Council adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Richter.

SECOND SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 8, 7:30 P. M.

The evening session was opened with prayer by Rev. G. H. Trabert. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The subject of Home Mission plans was again taken up; and, after considerable discussion, the resolution offered by Rev. Dr. Schmucker in the afternoon session was finally adopted as follows:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, who shall present a definite plan for the superintendance and administration of the Home Mission Work of the Synods connected with the General Council, in which the relation of the Synods to the missions within their bounds and the mode of raising and expending money for this work shall be set forth, and to report during this Convention.

The Report of the Treasurer of the English Home Mission Committee was read and approved.

The Report of the Church Book Committee on forms for ministerial acts was made the special order for the morning sessions of Friday and Saturday.

The Committee on the President's Report was announced as follows:

Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.
" J. C. Kunzman,
" A. Richter.
Mr. G. Wagner,
" M. Keffer.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Melhorn.

THIRD SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 9, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. G. Haas; the roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

It was resolved that the morning sessions shall be opened with the Order for Morning Service as far as the Creed.

The Church Book Committee reported an Order for Marriage, General Rubrics for the Order of Holy Baptism, for the administration of Private Baptism in case of necessity and for the public confirmation of such baptisms, and General Rubrics for the Baptism of Adults.

All the rubrical statements, together with the use of the two Psalms immediately preceeding the Order of Marriage, as proposed by the Committee, were adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wenzel.

FOURTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2:30 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. S. A. Ziegenfuss. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee not yet having reached Greenville, it was made the first order for Monday morning.

The German Home Mission Committee presented its annual report, which was received, considered by items, and finally adopted, as follows:

Report of the German Home Mission Committee.

Your Committee presents the following statement of its transactions during the past year.

The Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner D. D., was re-elected a member of the Committee. Mr. C. D. Boschen declining to serve in future. Mr. Frederick Bauer, of St. John's German Church, Philadelphia, was substituted.

I. CANADA.

Candidate *E. Hoffman* was sent to Canada, where he was ordained December 28, 1886, by the officers of the Canada Synod, and installed as pastor at North Easthope. His charge consists of three congretions, in two of which he preaches each Sunday. Gadshill is four miles and Wellesley five miles away. These distances Pastor H. travels afoot.

Somewhat later we were able at the earnest request of the officers of Synod to send them the two candidates *A. Eggers* and *J. Goos*, both from the institution at Kropp. On June 9, 1887, they were ordained at Sebastopol, Ontario. Pastor *Eggers* took charge of the Thorn Center Mission, in Pontiac County, Quebec, formerly served by Pastor Langholz, and Pastor *Goos* entered upon the Muskoka field at Germania, Victoria County, Ontario.

II. MICHIGAN.

Michigan was supplied with candidate *Richard Praetorius* who had been supported by our Committee in the institution at Hermannsburg.

The "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt*" paid of its surplus $150 to the mission work of this Synod.

III. TEXAS.

Since the last meeting of the Council we furnished four men to the extended mission field of this great State.

1. Candidate *E. Metzenthin*, from Leipzig, who was ordained November 28, 1886 by the Texas Synod, and became the successor of Rev. H. Merz, as pastor of St. Martin's Church, at Austin.

2. *Rev. C. Buttermann* was called to St. Mark's Church at Cuero, and installed January 23, 1887. The congregation numbers 39 members, with 70 scholars in the Sunday-school, which was established during the year. A church ought to be erected at this place.

3. Candidate *J. H. Sieck*, from Kropp, became pastor at Berlin, near Brenham, and

4. Candidate *A. Wenzel*, also from Kropp, accepted a call to Paige.

Rev. Mr. Weisskopp's Church at *Elm Creek*, which was last year twice destroyed by storm and hurricane, has been rebuilt, and was dedicated to the service of God, February 27th, 1887. Our appeals brought aid and strengthened this brave brother in his affliction.

The congregation numbers 50 families and 350 souls. At *Seguin* the congregation consists of 75 members entitled to vote and 300 souls.

During the month of April, Pastor W. organized a new congregation at *Kingsbury*, twelve miles from Seguin, and work has also been begun at *Belmont*, 23 miles away.

Pastor *C. Kreuzenstein*, the traveling missionary, has succeeded in completing the church and parsonage at Temple. Our appeals brought gifts for the erection of the church, and as late as last week $47.15 were sent thither. Twenty-eight families belong to this congregation. In addition to the points served last year, (Killeen, Buckholtz, Bosom Creek and Clifton) he has taken charge of another point, *Bellton*, and begun services also at *Cameron*, Milam County, 35 miles south of Temple, where 20 families reside.

During the month of January he went to Savanna, Indian Territory, where there are ten Lutheran families, who, however expect to remove to Southwestern Arkansas, because they are not allowed to establish a permanent settlement where they are. He preached God's word to them, and imparted such instruction in the Catechism as his limited time would allow. Our committee defrayed one-half of his traveling expenses to that point.

Brenham, with its large German population, is still without a Lutheran congregation. At the request of the Texas Synod, Rev. C. Kastner had begun the mission anew. He erected a parsonage and arranged in it a lecture-room. Beginning with September, 1886, services were held regularly twice every Sunday. The Parochial school numbered some 20 children, and the Sunday-school 55. The Ladies' Society had a membership of 17. A number of children came back from the German Methodist and German Baptist Churches to attend the Lutheran Sunday school. On account of some difficulties which arose, the Rev. Mr. Kastner resigned his office and removed to New Orleans. This point is of great importance, and ought to be supplied with a pastor as soon as possible. *Mason* is still served by the Rev. Mr. Rapp.

For these missions in Texas your committee expended $1050.48, not including the donations toward the erection of church edifices.

In addition to this, the "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt*" appropriated $125 of its surplus to the Texas Mission-field.

IV. NEBRASKA.

Rev. J. Deguisne continues as pastor of *St. John's* at *Isla*, and of *Zion* at *Milton*, Nebraska. His address has been changed to Sand

Creek, Saunders County, Nebraska. Five days in the week he is engaged in teaching a parochial school. The congregation at Isla has paid off the indebtedness on the parsonage, and at Milton ground has been purchased for a church. These congregations ought to be supplied with houses of worship.

V. DAKOTA.

We have succeeded in entering this new and extensive field. Our attention was directed to the importance of this region by the reports of the missionary of our English Home Mission Committee, the Rev. Mr. Ulery, and, on his recommendation, we were glad to appoint the *Rev. A. Dietrich* for the work. We found in him a man who is familiar with our country, able to use both languages, and who promised to work with energy and zeal. At *Thalheim*, near Richardson, Dakota, the services are attended by forty persons. The German Church Book has been introduced. At *Mandan*, a city of 3,000 inhabitants, located eighty-five miles from his place of residence, he preaches once in three weeks. Since he is on the frontier, the Lord has taken away his wife and one child, and a storm has destroyed his dwelling. This is a great affliction and an immense loss to him. May the Lord comfort and strengthen this dear brother, who entered upon the work with such a joyful and zealous spirit, that he may not succumb, but be able to continue the work of God.

The *First Conference of the New York Ministerium*, received three candidates from Kropp, *J. Niemaun*, to assist in serving a congregation whose pastor purposed visiting Europe, *J. Kirsch*, to assist in Brooklyn, and *R. Tappert*, for Greenport, Long Island.

Three hundred dollars of the "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt's*" surplus was paid into the mission-treasury of the Synod.

The *Ministerium of Pennsylvania*, on June 7, 1887, at its meeting in Philadelphia, ordained the candidates from Kropp, *E. Behrens*, and *A. Hellwege*.

The former has organized a new congregation, called Christ Church, at Cramer's Hill, a suburb of Camden, N. J., whilst the latter has been called as assistant to the Rev. J. J. Kuendig, at Reading, Pa.

Thus in the brief period of six years your committee has, by the help of God, been able to place sixty men into the field of the Church, an average of ten men per annum.

Siloah was able to transfer *a surplus of $300* into our treasury this year.

Your committee would respectfully request that the income of the

German Publications of the General Council be paid over into the treasury for *German Home Missions.*

THE INSTITUTION AT KROPP.

The Rev. Mr. Paulsen has sent us ten young men from Kropp this year: E. Hoffmann, J. Niemam, E. A. V. Behrens, J. H. Sieck, A. Wenzel, H. F. A. Hellwege, J. Kirsch, J. Goos, A. Eggers, and R. Tappert.

With the greatest fidelity and self-sacrifice Pastor Paulsen has continued to labor for us almost beyond his strength. He ought to be aided much more energetically than this has been done. Of the fifty-one students in the institution thirty-two are beneficiaries who are unable to pay anything themselves. They are preparing for our work and we cannot leave them unprovided for. Pastor Paulsen performs his labor, gigantic in its proportions, without salary or remuneration. He derives no benefit therefrom, but a great amount of trouble. He has assumed an immense load, not for himself, but for us. All that he does is only for the Lord and His Church in this country.

Some objection manifesting itself last year to our calling the institution "*Our* institution at Kropp," you requested your Committee to present, at this meeting of the Council, "a precise statement of the relation of the Institution at Kropp to the General Council, as determined by the official action of the Council, or by the Committee in the name of the Council, as well as what obligations now rest on the Council with reference thereto."

In reply, your Committee makes the following statement:

In the year 1881, the General Council instructed this Committee to consider how the wants of our Church could best be met, whether by connection with educational institutions in Europe, by the establishment of any additional institutions or department in an existing institution in this country. (English Minutes, p. 61).

Your Committee began its labors, and several of the institutions in Germany sent us men. (Minutes, 1882, p. 101).

A special Committee appointed in the year 1882, after due consideration, recommended to the General Council the institution of Rev. J. Pulsen at Kropp, Schleswig, as the one most in harmony with our confessions and best adapted to our wants. In this opinion the General Council fully concurred. (Minutes, 1882, p. 101. II.). In the meantime, Pastor Paulsen visited this country in order to obtain an insight into the condition of affairs among us, and his

spirit was stirred within him by the wants of the brethren in America. He had opened his Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary "*Ebenezer*," on May 1, 1882. In compliance with your resolution, your Committee joined hands with him for united work. (Page 67). Subsequently he wrote: "As soon as we can command sufficient means, we will be able to send laborers to the Council in a more effective manner. We greatly rejoice at our union with the honored brethren of the General Council." (P. 68).

This action of your Committee,and this work of Pastor Paulsen,was not only fully approved by the Council, but the latter also expressed its complete satisfaction, and thanked God for the manifest tokens of His grace and blessing. (Minutes, 1883, p. 84).

These brief references will suffice to define the position of the General Council with reference to Kropp. The General Council, through its German Home Mission Committee appealed to Germany for aid. Pastor Paulsen, with a glowing missionary zeal and with sympathy for the thousands of Lutheran Christians that were neglected and going astray, called into existence an institution which is to serve the General Council in its work of German Home Missions. The General Council accepted the proffered assistance, without, indeed, entering a legal obligation to do anything in return, but, nevertheless, taking upon itself the moral obligation of voluntary assistance of the undertaking. A relation of legal contract, whether on the part of the Rev. J. Paulsen, or on the part of the General Council, or its German Home Mission Committee, nowhere exists. But an evangelical Christian bond of love exists, and connects both parties. This bond of love, Pastor Paulsen, in the most self-sacrificing manner, has tied more and more closely, and it is in recognition of this relation of love, that, already in the minutes of 1884 (p. 62), the institution at Kropp is called "*Our* Institution." (Unsere Anstalt).

That no other bond exists between the General Council and the institution at Kropp, is also manifest from a letter of Pastor Paulsen himself. in which he says: "Should the Lord at any time give a special blessing to anyone in America, we will not become displeased with him if he also thinks of us, and remember the words: 'Give and it shall be given unto you.'" And further he asks us not to forget him, but to sustain him with our prayers and contributions." (Minutes, 1884, pp. 62, 63).

From this it is clearly evident that Pastor Paulsen is conscious of the greatness and difficulty of his undertaking, and of the fact that no legal demands can be made by him, but that he has a right to ex-

pect in return the full love of the General Council, and more especially of its German portion—a love active in works. This relation suffered no change during 1885, 1886 or 1887, (See minutes of these years), unless such change has been made by the Faculty of the Seminary at Philadelphia.

If in the year 1886 the word "*our*" in the expression "Our Institution" was understood by some in another sense, *viz:* as a pronoun designating actual possession, the above will remove the misapprehension and clearly define its meaning.

But the question arises, whether the General Council ought not to do much more, since, over against the self-sacrificing love of Pastor Paulsen we are bound to so much greater gratitude.

In the estimation of some of the members of your Committee, it would be well if at this time your Committee, or another Committee specially appointed for the purpose, would be authorized to enter into a relation of legal contract, in which the respective duties and obligations of both sides would be more definitely determined.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year	$ 6 15	
Special gifts for Student Rembe at Kropp	112 25	
Surplus of "*Siloah*"	300 00	
Contributions of Congregations, Societies, etc, as receipted in "*Siloah*" and "*Lutherische Kirchenblatt*"	5,039 29	
Total receipts		$5,457 69

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of Missionaries	$ 1,496 31	
Special gifts for Student Rembe	129 25	
Paid Cand. Pratorius from Hermansburg	11 50	
Fare over the ocean for eight candidates	450 00	
W. Hering, Phila. for Electros	15 30	
" " " " collection books	15 00	
Support of students, etc, at Kropp	3,075 00	
Paid Rev. W. Berkemeier, traveling expenses of candidates to destination	208 26	

Printing of Dr. Spaeth's Sermon for benefit of Missions	15 65	
Expressage of trunks, telegrams, etc., for candidates	8 50	
Traveling expenses of Cand. Tappert	8 00	
Printing	18 98	
Freight	3 20	
Total expenses		$5,454 95
Total receipts	$5,457 69	
Total expenses	5,454 95	
Balance in Treasury	$2 74	

The Treasurer has also on hand the sum of $109.76 for the Mission at Brenham, Texas. Also six bonds of St. Martin's Church at Austin, Texas, at $25 each.

J. J. KUENDIG, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct.

F. BAUER,
G. A. HINTERLEITNER, } *Auditing Committee.*

September 9, 1887.

We have examined the account of "*Siloah*" and have found the same correct, with a balance of $6.68 in the treasury.

J. J. KUENDIG,
FR. VEIT, } *Auditing Committee.*

September 9, 1887.

The consideration of the request of the Committee on German Home Missions to have the profits on the German publications of the Council transferred to their use for Mission work was postponed until after the Committee on Home Mission Plans and the Treasurer shall have reported.

The question of the relation of this body to the institution in Kropp, was referred to a special Committee, composed of the following persons:

Rev. Dr. G. A. Wenzel,
" " S. Fritschel,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" G. H. Gomph,
" " S. A. Repass,
" " Hinterleitner.
W. H. Staake, Esq.
Mr. Fred Bauer,
" G. H. Leicht.

The action of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania on the same subject was referred to the same Committee.

Rev. Dr. Wenzel presented the report of the General Immigrant Mission. This report was received, and the Committee was authorized to append to it the report of Visiting Committee to Emigrant House.

REPORT

OF THE GERMAN EMIGRANT MISSION TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL, FROM OCTOBER 1886, TO SEPTEMBER 1887.

We are happy to say that our Lord God has, during the past year, graciously owned and blessed our missionary work, and paved for it the way to increased confidence. We have received not only from at home, but also from Europe, the most gratifying testimonials in confirmation of the fact, that our Emigrant Mission is in a condition to render great assistance to these strangers, in the way of surrounding them with comforts, of which they would otherwise be deprived. Our Emigrant House, with its mission, in the course of time, has not only become generally known, but is now being recognized as an institution doing great good. It has well nigh overcome that senseless and no less spiteful opposition, at one time raised against it, and there might be cited instances of men, at one time violently antagonizing it, who are now its avowed friends and patrons, well knowing that even the suspicion of opposition could only reflect upon themselves. The number of emigrants, who, during the past eleven months, passed through our House, and were there brought more or less in contact with our Mission, was again very considerable, amounting to 10,464.

Among these we performed the usual work. Immediately upon their arrival, I was at my post in Castle Garden, to receive them, and see to their being placed under our care and guidance. After having led them under the sheltering roof of the Emigrant House, an opportunity was afforded us to treat with them both individually and collectively. We regularly assembled them in our chapel for morning and evening worship, taking occasion to admonish them to faithfulness to the Lord and His Church, so that they might not, as God's true pilgrims, fall short of the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and over their newly found temporal home in a strange land, forget, and finally forfeit their title to their citizenship on high. We embraced every opportunity afforded us to address ourselves particularly to single individuals, giving them whatever information, advice, assistance and consolation as, under the circum-

stances, they needed, always earnestly warning them against walking in the slippery ways of life.

In addition to all this, we distributed some 35,000 copies of printed matter, consisting of tracts, periodicals, testaments, &c., &c. And that this dissemination of the word of God is not in vain, we are assurred by the promise of our faithful Lord, in whose name we serve. In addition to this, we have pleasing evidence that our Emigrant Mission has been the means of stirring up many a one to again consider the things that make for his peace. Many a one, addicted to idleness, has been induced to earn his daily bread by honest labor, dissolve his connection with evil companions, and connect himself with the society of Christian people. Many a young girl, whose thoughtlessness and inexperience gave reason to fear for her safety, has, through our instrumentality, found a home in some well-ordered Christian family. Among those committed to our care, within and around the city of New York, are many young people, who look upon the Emigrant House as their second home, and therefore often again revisit it for advice, assistance or consolation, as the case may be. These are always made welcome, so long as their conduct entitles them to our regard; such among them as continue their journey into the interior, we kindly admonish, and, in some instances, also supply them with special recommendations, so that they may, in the place of their intended abode, at once again unite with their mother church. We feel confident and have besides, in regard to many, abundant proof that this mode of procedure has been attended with the most happy results.

Of poor emigrants, with whom our House, during the past year, was again abundantly blessed, we lodged 457, and supplied with meals 784, at an expense, aggregating in all, the sum of $879.64. Since, however, as the Treasurer's report will show, the gifts contributed for the special benefit of the poor, fell far short of what was required, the House, in cases of necessity, lodged and boarded gratis to the amount of $458.32.

In order to enable our ministerial brethren in Germany to supply their emigrating parishioners with the necessary addresses, by means of which they may here again find their mother church, we have published at the expense of the Emigrant House, a phamphlet, which contains in alphabetical order, the names of places in the United States and in Canada, where Evangelical Lutheran Congregations may be found. Of this publication, 5,000 copies have been distributed among ministers in Germany. Another pamphlet, of which a

second edition is about being issued, has, for its author, the Rev. Dr. W. J. Mann, of Philadelphia, and is entitled "Emigration and the German Emigrant House." This pamphlet is read with a great deal of interest, and, as it abounds with most excellent advice to emigrants, is doing much in preparing the way for our work, both in Germany and here, and we take this occasion to express to the author our warmest thanks for the same.

As regards the establishment of the contemplated branch in Baltimore, Md., I am able to report encouraging progress, in so far as we have entered into an agreement with a Bremen Steam Company, (the North Germany Lloyd), touching the passage by way of Baltimore, of all emigrants applying to us. Our main efforts are now directed toward finding a suitable man for receiving our people and brethren in the faith, on their landing in Baltimore, and supplylng them with the necessary instruction and protection.

And now submitting, together with this report, also that of the Emigrant House, as well, the two pamphlets already mentioned, namely, 1st, the one entitled Emigration and the German Emigrant House, No. 26 State Street, New York, and 2d, that containing in alphabetical order, the names and residences of all Evangelical Lutheran Ministers in the North America, I conclude with an earnest prayer to God to continue also in future to bless the work of our feeble hands, and further it for the promotion of His glory.

WM. BERKEMEIER.

New York, September 8, 1887.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE EMIGRANT MISSION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA, FOR NINE MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1, 1886, TO JULY 1, 1887.

October 1, 1886, To Balance for Emigrant Mission.	$ 40 18	
For Poor Emigrants.....	154 17	
		$ 194 35

RECEIPTS FOR EMIGRANT MISSION.

Donations from Individuals, Congregations and Synods as Published in the Church Papers.....	793 90

RECEIPTS FOR POOR EMIGRANTS.

Donations from Individuals, Congregations and Synods as Published		421 32
Total		$1,409 57

DISBURSEMENTS ON MISSION ACCOUNTS.

Salary of Missionary Rev. W. Burkemeirer for Nine Months	$450 00	
Part Salary of Missionary A. B. Lilja for Nine Months	300 00	
Traveling Expenses and Missionary Seal	21 70	
		$ 771 70

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR EMIGRANTS.

98 Cases Assistance in Cash and Traveling Expenses to Destination	$322 90	
1,544 Cases Free Meals to Emigrants out of Work	154 76	
		477 66
Total Disbursements		$1,249 36
July 1, 1887, To Balance for Emigrant Mission	$ 62 38	
For Poor Emigrants	97 83	
		$ 160 21
Total		$1,409 57

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1, 1887.

Examined and found correct,

[Signed,] W. HAUFF, L. F. I. ANZER, } *Committee.*

The President announced the Committee on Plan for Home Mission Work as follows:

Rev. Dr. Seiss,
" F. Wischan,
" J. Steinheuser,
" Dr. B. M. Schmucker,
" G. H. Trabert,
" Prof. O. Olsson.
" Dr. Kunkelman.
Mr. H. Lehman,
Prof. Gebhart,
Mr. G. F. Huff,
" J. P. Samuelson.

Immediately before the close of the session Rev. Weir, the agent

of the National Reform Association, was allowed fifteen minutes to address the Council on the objects of said association.

Adjourned; prayer by Rev. Koerner.

On Friday evening at 7½ a Home Mission service was held in the Church, at which earnest addresses were delivered by Rev'ds F. Schantz, F. A. Koehler, Prof. O. Olsson, and J. C. Kunzman.

FIFTH SESSION.

September 10, 9 A. M.

Opening services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Belfour; and the minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer offered his Report on General Expense Fund, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committe, as follows:

Messrs. A. G. Saeger, A. W. Potteicher and H. Van der Smissen.

The Order for Marriage as presented by the Church Book Committee was taken up, and finally adopted as a whole.

The rubrics for the Order of Holy Baptism were considered and made the first order for this afternoon's session.

An invitation was rceeived from Rev. Prof. Titzel, Secretary of the Faculty of Thiel College, to visit said institution in a body. This invitation was accepted, and Monday at 4 P. M., appointed as the time.

It was resolved, that there be no session of the Council this evening.

Adjourned; prayer by Rev. E. Smith.

SIXTH SESSION.

September 10, 2:30 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. C. Koerner; the roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The general rubrics for Baptism, the order for Baptism in case of necessity (*Noth Taufe*), and the rubrics for the Baptism of Adults, were considered and finally adopted as a whole.

The Church Book Committee presented its Report, which was received, as follows:

Report of the Church Book Committee.

The Committee have prepared and present for the consideration of the General Council, "The Order for the Solemnization of Matrimony," "The Order for the Private Baptism of Infants in Time of Necessity," and that for the "Ratification of such Baptism," and the "General Directions to be placed before the Order for Holy Baptism." They regret that it has not been in their power to proceed further than this in the preparation of the remaining Orders, which they were authorized to have printed for temporary use. There remain the Orders for the Visitation and Communion of the Sick, for the Burial of the Dead, and perhaps for Combining the Orders for Adult Baptism and Confirmation in one Service, to be completed before the series can be published as directed by the Council at its last meeting.

The text of the Common Service has been completed by the Sub-Committee of preparation, under the direction of the Joint Committee of the three General Bodies. The Joint Committee has acceeded to the request of the General Council that the Nunc Dimittis be placed in the Post Communion Service. The changes made in the Morning Service as printed in the English Church Book, by the General Council when it adopted the German Kirchenbuch, and which was ordered to be introduced in the Church Book, are all included in the Common Service. Apart from these changes, the Common Service, which was intended to present the common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies of the Sixteenth Century, does not differ noticeably from the Church Book in any of the parts of the service appointed to be said by the Congregation. The Congregations can, therefore, continue to use the copies of the Church Book in their possession until they are worn out, in so far as the Morning Service, including the Communion, is concerned. But the Early Morning Service, or Matins, and the Evening Service, or Vespers, are not found in the Church Book. It might, therefore, be well to direct that these Services be published separately, so as to enable them to be used in connection with the copies of the Church Book now in use. Some changes have been made in the parts of the Morning Service, including the Communion,

which are said by the minister. The chief of these changes are in a portion of the Absolution after the Confession of Sins, the omission of the words: "unto everlasting life," in the Votum after the Sermon, a new translation of the Proper Preface for the Passion Season, a material alteration in the second paragraph of the Exhortation before Communion, the placing of the Pax before the Agnus Dei, and a slight alteration of the Collect of Thanksgiving after Communion.

The Services for Matins and Vespers will require the introduction into the Church Book of the Versicles, Antiphons, Responsories, and a fuller provision of Psalms, as was ordered when the *Kirchenbuch* was adopted.

It is also a question for the Council to consider whether the present evening service should be retained in the book for use when desired, until the Vesper Service has become accepted.

It is proposed to add to the Common Service in tabular form a Lectionary, setting forth suitable daily Lessons for Matins and Vespers, and perhaps also a second series for the Lord's Day.

We would ask the judgment of the Council with reference to the immediate issue of the Common Service, and its incorporation into the Church Book.

A joint copyright will be taken out for the Common Service, in trust for the three General Bodies, and securing a right of joint property in and use of it to each of them. The Common Service is by agreement to be incorporated in the book issued by each of the Bodies interested in its preparation. All rights of translation, &c., will be secured to the joint owners of the book. The text of the Common Service, as settled for the use of the General Council and of United Synod, South, agrees in all respects. That accepted and to be printed by the General Synod differs in a few points from the others, the Joint Committee having conceded the variations in most cases as not very material. Only two variations in the chief service are of such character as to attract special attention. The text of the General Synod's edition will furnish Scripture passages to be used at the option of the minister, instead of the Declaration or Absolution after the Confession of Sins; and the Lord's Prayer is placed after the Words of the Institution, and made a prayer of the people before coming to the Communion. To these variations your Committee could not give their assent since they were, in their judgment, not sanctioned by the common consent of the pure Lutheran Liturgies, but they could not at all allow such slight variations to prevent the acceptance of the Common Service, in which to so great an extent a common agreement had been reached.

We are glad to be able to report that this work of securing for all English-speaking Lutherans a Common Service has so nearly reached a successful completion, and we hope that it may have an influence for good in the days to come.

All three bodies have agreed to unite in the preparation of a revised translation of the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. The Committee of the General Synod has not met since it was empowered to engage in this work, and, therefore, no plan for accomplishing it has as yet been agreed on. The original editions of Taverner's translation of 1536, and of the Harmony of Confessions of 1586, have, fortunately, been secured, and will be of great service.

The United Synod, South, has requested the other two bodies to unite in the preparation of Orders for Ministerial Acts and also of a Collection of Hymns for joint and common use by all. The General Synod have referred this proposal to its Liturgy Committee for consideration.

United action in these things would certainly present many and great difficulties, but the subject will claim consideration when the request is presented by the other bodies. Joint labor in preparing the Orders for Ministerial Acts has already been most heartily accorded to the United Synod.

When the new edition of the Church Book is issued, it is proposed to furnish it in several forms, one of the present size, one of smaller size, and, perhaps, one of large size for use in the chancel, in which the Epistles and Gospels may be printed in full. It may also be wise to furnish the Service part and the Hymns in separate volumes, and in general to give it to our people in such forms and sizes as to meet the wants of all.

The action of the Church Book Committee in regard to the Common Service was approved; and on motion of Rev. Dr. Seiss it was Resolved, that the Church Book Committee be authorized and instructed to publish, at as early a date as possible, the Common Service, including so much of the Ministerial Acts and such other parts as can speedily be brought into readiness, and that the question of what is to be included, and the form thereof, be committed to the discretion of the Committee.

Delegate Prof. Gebhart was excused from further attendance at this Convention.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. W. Early.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 12, 9 A.M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev G. W. Mechling; and the minutes were read and adopted.

The Report of the Church Book Committee was again taken up; and it was ordered that, for the present, the Order for the evening service should be retained in the Church Book.

The vote on the adoption of the Church Book Committee's Report was postponed for the present.

The Swedish Immigrant Missionary presented his Annual Report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT

OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSIONARY, A. B. LILJA, FROM OCTOBER 1ST, 1886, TO SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1887.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America.

During the past year the immigration has been unusually large. The increasing immigration proves to us, not only the importance of this special mission among the emigrants; but also the necessity of effective and well planned work on our Home Mission-field. Whenever the great steamers unload their hundreds of Scandinavian people, and we at our daily visits in Castle Garden, look upon these numerous Lutherans from the other shore, we cannot refrain from expressing: How will the Lutheran Church provide for and keep these, her children. Great and glorious are the opportunities which the Lutheran Church enjoys. If all the Lutheran Emigrants could be taken care of, our Church would be one of the most prominent churches in the United States. No church has such a mission-field as our church. I am glad to state that the work among the emigrants has been encouraging and fruitful. Some of the good results manifest themselves even in Castle Garden, but our churches will ultimately reap the good seed sown. But it is an encouragement to the missionary, when the immigrants appreciate the spiritual and temporal aid, and express their desire to work as faithful members of the church. Many a time have the tracts distributed, proved effectual in working repentance, and also aroused the dormant love for the

Lutheran Church. Among the papers "*The Augustana and Missionary*" has been very useful, as this paper is our synodical organ and we have noted, that most of the immigrants have received good and lasting impressions by reading this church paper. At the same time as I distribute tracts and papers, I often find a suitable occasion to direct attention to our Lutheran colonies and settlements, and I also inform thema bout the pastors and churches in the places where they intend to live. When the imigrants have remained a day or more, the opportunities of good work have, of course, increased. As often as possible we have had divine service in the chapel of the Emigrant House. The poor new-comers listen with attention to the Gospel, and do not soon forget their first experiences in this land. A good number of the Scandinavians have lodged in the Emigrant House, 26 State Street, and have expressed their satisfaction that there is a Lutheran House in New York, where they can be safe, and at the same time receive reliable information. We have co-operated with Pastor Berkemeier, and have found his help and counsel of great benefit to the Mission. In this connection we will report that the Augustana Synod at its last Convention, instructed the Synodical Mission Committee to call an Immigrant Missionary to be located at Gothenberg, Sweden. If the Committee succeeds in procuring a suitable man, our work in Castle Garden will be more effective. The Missionary at Gothenberg will direct the imigrants to us, and by such a co-operation, lasting good will result. God grant that the Syndocal resolution may be carried out. It may be of interest for you to know, that the Scandinavian imigrants, who arrived this year, have been strong, healthy and good working people. Although this may be said every year, concerning the Scandinavians many have noted, that the arrivals of this year have been especialiy such as stated. Prominent citizens have expressed their satisfaction, when they have seen these excellent immigrants, who soon will be good citizens and influential in the West and Northwest. There would be no cry against immigration if all imigrants were of such a type as most of the Germans and Scandinavians.

During the year 1886, the Scandinavian imigrants numbered 40,349. From January 1st to June 1st of this year they numbered 30,000. At present we cannot give the exact numbers of the summer months.

As in former years, we have visited sick imigrants in the hospital and assisted the destitute as far as the means have allowed.

With the sincere prayer to God, that He may continually bless abundantly our important Mission, I conclude this report and sign,

Your obedient servant,

AXEL BERNHARD LILJA.

The report of the Rev. F. H. Gerndt, Missionary at Ward's Island, together with the report of the Treasurer of that Mission and of the Immigrant Mission Committee in regard to the same, was read, and the following action was taken thereon :

1. That the German Secretary be instructed to incorporate the substance of this report with the report of the Immigrant Mission Committee.

2. The Ward's Island Mission was commended to the benevolence of the Churches.

Report of the Ward's Island Missionary.

During the past eleven months I have had to record : 25 Baptisms, 1 Confirmation, 3 Marriages, and 59 Burials, including 35 Infants. The Lord's Supper was administered to 63 persons, partly in the Chapel and partly in the Hospital. The Danish pastor, Rev. R. Andersen, and others have kindly rendered services occasionally. The average attendance at our German services was 12 21-55. Matters here have not changed materially. The labors of your Missionary are confined almost exclusively to ministering to the spiritual wants of our poor, sick pilgrims, for, although such as are in enjoyment of good health, are also admitted, yet their number is necessarily very small, owing to the working of the new law. The very circumstance, that these patients have just landed on foreign shores, makes it so much the more important and desirable, that they be waited upon in unselfish love—that the minister of the Gospel "make full proof of his ministry." The nearest of kin, with their wanted, watchful care, are wanting here, in this strange land, where one must first become acquainted with this country and her people. How exceedingly important and praiseworthy is the word : "The Lord loveth the stranger." We need only look back to the time when we were strangers in this new land of our adoption, and think how often we were embarrassed and even oppressed the first few months of our sojourn here, although we may not have been obliged to seek a temporary refuge on Ward's Island. Should we not then in gratitude, give our hearty sympathy to these poor, fellow-pilgrims and show

them that we are not indifferent to their wants? God grant that not only those who here pass away in peace with their God, but also that those who are, by the grace of God, allowed to recover from their illness and infirmities, into a new life in righteousnes go forth as such, proclaiming with the psalmist. "I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner!"

Although about 3,500 immigrants have already found their final resting-place here on our God's Acre, since the year 1874, still, thank God, we can say that by far the most of those arriving on this island were dismissed, restored to health. These are scattered, like all the other immigrants, in all the States of the Union and even beyond our boundaries. It is but reasonable to suppose that many of those who were here formerly, may now be found within the boundaries of the General Council, and have gained prosperity and risen to positions of honor in our various Synods. Oh, if only all would remember us in love, and would encourage and support us in this work of the Lord, with their prayers and their gifts! We are grateful for every token of honest sympathy and hearty good-will.

Even from China, India, and Arabia we have had pilgrims. Thus I was permitted once more to speak the Hindi language. During the past year over a dozen nationalities were represented here. We would exclaim: "Oh, that I possessed a thousand tongues!"

Protestants of various denominations, Greek and Roman Catholics, Jews, Mohammedans and Heathen—believers and unbelievers—have enjoyed the hospitalities of our institutions.

According to our regulations, all are entitled to the same privileges and the same benefits. The Word and Sacrament are for all, if only all would avail themselves of these precious gifts, and thus be saved! The Jesuit pater, residing here, still continues his work of proselyting, especially among the women. As to this subject, a great deal could be said. I have already been compelled to demand of this gentleman that he leave the bed-side of my wards.

The Bible Society continues to supply us with the printed word of God, according to our needs. The donation, in printed matter, of the Tract Society, whose publications appear in so many different languages, have been specially welcome. Our thanks are also due to the publishers of religious papers and to other friends who have kindly sent us reading matter, as also for the sending of 50 large and 50 small copies of the German "*Kirchenbuch.*"

God bless these kind donors! It would be very desirable to have some good prayer-books in different languages, and also a small fund

on hand, which could be drawn upon in *urgent* cases. *Sapienti sat!*

The Lord be praised for having watched over us so graciously! Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it!

In conclusion, I would ask my brethren in the Lord, always to remember me and the Mission entrusted to my care, in their prayers and supplications!

F. H. GERNDT.

Ward's Island, September 1, 1887.

Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee Concerning Ward's Island.

Owing to the change of the time of meeting of the General Council your Committee beg leave to submit to the Venerable General Council a report extending over nine months only, *i. e.*, from October 11, 1886 to July 1, 1887. It is not necessary in this report to enter into detailed statistics, since these will be furnished by the report of the Missionary, Rev. L. F. Gerndt. Your Committee was not in a position to pay the Chaplain more salary than on the average of $40 per month, and even of this $10 are still unpaid.

Your Committee takes this opportunity to render the statement that this Mission has to be supported entirely by the Church, because the Commissioners have for some years no longer appointed any Chaplain. Formerly one Roman and one Protestant (our Lutheran) were appointed and paid by the Commissioners. But since these have not the means in the same measure as before, the Chaplains are only tolerated but not paid by them. This is a Mission of the whole General Council; and for this reason more congregations from all sections of the General Council ought to support it.

The state of the Treasury will appear from the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. PETERSEN, *Cor. Secretary.* THE COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE WARD'S ISLAND MISSION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL OF NORTH AMERICA, FOR NINE MONTHS, FROM OCTOBER 1, 1886, TO JULY 1, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Donations from Individuals, Congregations and Synods, as published in the Church Papers....	$433 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salary paid to Missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, for nine Months, to July 1, 1887	350 00
1887	
July 1. To Balance in Treasury	$ 83 85

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1, 1887.

Examined and found correct.

[Signed,] W. HAUFF, L. F. I. ANGER, } *Committee.*

The Report of the English Home Mission Committee was taken up, and it was ordered that the Treasurer of this Committee furnish an abstract of his report to the secretaries for publication in the minutes.

Report of the Committee on English Home Missions.

The Committee on English Home Missions held seven meetings during the past year, all in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. At its first meeting it elected the following officers: Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Chairman; Rev. S. Laird, D. D., Secretary, and Mr. Henry Beates, Treasurer. Rev. D. H. Geisinger, of Easton, Pa., was added to the Committee. The Committee had under its care nine Missions, with respect to which the following report is submitted:

Trinity Church, Chicago, Ill.—Rev. C. Koerner, Pastor. The beautiful church building of Trinity Congregation in Chicago was consecrated on Sunday, October 24, 1886, at which time the General Council was holding its Annual Meeting in the same. It was a day of great joy to the Pastor and Congregation, as also to the members of the General Council, who were permitted to witness the progress of this Mission In his quarterly report, dated January 1, 1887, Pastor Koerner wrote, "Since worshipping in the finished Auditorium our attendance has largely increased, almost doubled, while our Sunday collections have also improved. The completion of the church has cost about one-third above the first estimate, making our floating debt about six thousand dollars, instead of four thousand dollars, which as we could not raise on second mortgage, and had collected about all we could among our people at present, we have borrowed among members of the congregation at six per cent. Notwithstanding this heavy increase of debt, we feel very thankful and hopeful, and believe

the time is not for distant when we shall be able to take care of ourselves."

On April 12, 1887, Mr. O. L. Christensen, Secretary of the congregation,wrote as follows to the Committee, "At the Annual Congregational Meeting of the English Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, Chicago, held Easter Monday, April 10, 1887, the following action was unanimously taken:

WHEREAS, Our congregation has, during the past few years, by the help of God, steadily grown in numbers and financial strength, therefore:

Resolved, That we express our heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God for all He has done for us.

Resolved, That we thankfully acknowledge the generous help which, under Him, we have received of the General Council, without which help we could not have accomplished the work.

Resolved, That we relieve the English Home Mission of the burden of further aiding us in the support of our pastor, and that the Secretary be requested to forward this action to the Committee.

Upon the receipt of this gratifying information the Committee could well instruct its Secretary "To write to the Church Council and express the gratification of the Committee at this action, and congratulate the congregation that, with the Divine Blessing,they have become self-sustaining."

Parochial Report. Communed during the year, 230; Teachers in Sunday School, 25; Scholars, 370. Church property is valued at fully $50,000, on which there is a debt of $17,000. Raised during the year for all purposes, $5500.

Wicker Park Mission, Chicago, Ill.—Rev. F. C. Koehler, Missionary. This Mission was organized in the year 1879. Its church building was consecrated in February, 1880. It has an admirable location, and beautiful surroundings. The number of communicant members is not large. The Sunday school numbered three hundred and fifty children at the last Christmas Festival. Services were conducted regularly during the past year, prior to July 1, 1887, at which time the resignation of pastor Koehler took effect. Rev. J. C. Kunzman, of Greensburg, Pa., has been called as Missionary of Wicker Park. The Congregation has shown its interest in the work by its pledges of increased support of the cause in the future. The field abounds in souls to be gathered in. Faithful labor by God's blessing may be expected to be marked by a growth of the Mission.

The Parochial Report for the year July 1, 1886 to July 1, 1887, is

as follows: Children baptized, 15; persons confirmed, 7; number of confirmed members, 48; burials, 4; losses by removal, 5. Amount of debt on church property, $4650.00. Amount raised by congregation for current expenses, $852.65. Children in Sunday school, average, 197. Contributions of Sunday school, $273.51. Estimated value of church property, $15000.

St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.—Rev. G. H. Trabert, Missionary. This Mission has been in charge of the General Council since 1882. The church building and parsonage are on valuable ground and finely located. The debt on this property is, however, a heavy burden for the congregation. During the past year, plans for reducing the indebtedness by sale of part of the property were considered, and a part of the ground offered for sale. The congregation numbers an increase of members over those of last year. The Sunday school, including the pastor's large adult class, numbers about two hundred members. Church services were conducted regularly. The Sunday school suffered a great loss in the death of its efficient superintendent, Mr. E. T. Farnes, and of the first teacher of the infant school, Miss Amanda Turnquist. For some time the extra duty of superintendent of the Sunday school devolved on the pastor. An efficient superintendent has, however, been since secured. The pastor's adult bible class is of great importance. The bodily health of pastor Trobert was greatly impaired during the past year. His physician advised absolute rest for some time. The pastor appealed to the Committee for aid, by the service of another minister, to assist him for a period of time in the work at Minneapolis and Red Wing. The appeal was met by the appointment of Rev. D. L. Fogelman.

The Parochial Report is as follows: Infant baptisms, 15; confirmed, 11; received by letter, 4; losses by death, 2; removal, etc., 12; net number of communicants, 67; communed during the year, 72; teachers and officers of Sunday school, 15; scholars, 140; adult Bible class, 60–215; sewing school, 40.

Toledo, Ohio.—Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D., Missionary. This Mission has been in charge of the General Council and English Home Mission Committee, since March, 1883. The church building was consecrated in January, 1884. The church property is valued at $5,000.00. During the year regular services were held, Catechetical Instruction given, the Sunday school maintained, and substantial progress made financially, notwithstanding the failing

health of the Missionary, who was compelled to resign on September 1st, 1887, and to seek the restoration of his health elsewhere. The debt of the Mission was reduced during the year to $1,700, and steps have been taken to fund the debt. The Sunday school has been prosperous, and the material for building up the church abundant. The Missionary reports the baptism of 9 children, the confirmation of 9 catechumens, the reception of 5 members by transfer from other churches, the members entitled to communion to be 90, of which 60 communed during the year. The Sunday school numbers 12 teachers and 120 scholars. Contributions to Home Missions, $10.00; collections for local objects about $200.00, and for current expenses about $150.00

The retiring Missionary encountered many difficulties, and much opposition in laying the foundations of the work in Toledo, which it is hoped his successor will not need to experience. The progress of the Mission ought hereafter to be more rapid.

Memorial Church, St. Paul, Minn.—Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Missionary. This congregation was organized in the year 1883. At first it worshipped in a small frame chapel, which cost $450.00. Since December 20th, 1885, it worships in a new building 36 x 50 feet. The present value of church property is $13,000. On this rests a debt of $4,500. The congregation numbers 66 communicant members. The Sunday school numbers 61 scholars. The services of the congregation and the sessions of the Sunday school were well attended. The financial burdens of the congregation give the pastor and people considerable anxiety, but they have hitherto been encouraged and they work on hopefully as to the future prosperity of the Mission,

Trinity Mission in West St. Paul has been cared for by Missionary Haupt. Last fall, after November 14th, the Missionary, at the request of members, did not continue the service regularly, fearing injury to his health. In the spring, however, a great interest was shown in the Mission. The lot secured for a church at $1,700 is now worth $2,500. A church building 36x48 feet is in progress of erection at a probable cost of $3,000. The members of Trinity Mission are very anxious for a proper supply of their spiritual wants. The members of the Memorial Chapel, who at first were opposed to the new enterprise, now heartily favor it.

Missionary Haupt was requested during the past spring to visit *Merriam Park*, two miles northwest from his home, and strongly urged to begin an English Mission, and all possible help was promised.

He was also appealed to by parties who have large interests at North St. Paul, (five miles northeast of the city), which is becoming a manufacturing centre. Nine factories have already purchased sites, and two more are expected to go there shortly. Most of the employes will be German or Scandinavian Lutheran and Missionary Haupt was desired to go and put up for them a Lutheran Church. He was promised any two corner lots he might select if he would promise as requested. The lots are valued now at $900. He was also promised help toward the church from some of the property holders in town. Missionary Haupt laid the matter before the Church Council of Memorial church and all advised him at once to accept the offer.

Missionary Haupt appealed to the Committee for counsel and advice and wrote, "either permit me to settle down as pastor of Memorial church and send some one older and more experienced than I am to superintend the work, or else permit me to devote my whole time by a separate call to the working up of the Mission, and call an assistant as pastor of the two missions already established, in which work I would assist as often as possible on Sundays by taking one service." The Committee has not been able to consider the request made.

Red Wing, Minn.—Rev. G.H. Trabert, Missionary at Minneapolis, who preached on alternate Friday evenings at this place, at the Swedish Church and also instructed and confirmed a class of catechumens in the previous year, informed the Committee that on Dec. 4th, 1886, an organization was effected and named St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Red Wing, Minnesota. He writes, "this Mission will have a most promising future as soon as we will have a building in which to have services. It will for a few years require Missionary aid, but if the proper person be sent there as Missionary, it will not be long before a strong congregation will be established. There is much material, but it must be gathered in and, as in many other places, opposition must be met and overcome. As soon as possible an effort will be made to secure church property and we do not wish much of a debt." To aid pastor Trabert in his work here as at Minneapolis temporarily, Rev. D. L. Fogelman was appointed by the Committee.

Missionary *Trabert* visited *Duluth* and found a number of Lutherans anxious to be members of Lutheran congregations. He preached on several occasions and steps were taken to organize a congregation. This is one of the most important points in the west, as Duluth promises to be one of the great cities of the country.

Dakota Mission.—The Missions in Dakota are Fargo and Bismark. After the resignation of Rev. Mr. Wilson, who was obliged to withdraw from the field on account of impaired health, the care of both points devolved on Rev. W. F. Ulery, who found it impossible to care properly for both points so greatly separated. In June of last year (1886) an arrangement was made with the Mission Committee of the Augustana Synod to send a minister to Bismark, able to preach in English as well as in Swedish, to take care of the common interests for the present. Ministers have gone there for a month or six weeks, and it was reported that lately some one was called to go to Bismark to settle permanently.

Rev. Mr. Ulery confined his labors to the work at Fargo during the latter part of the summer of 1886. St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the cornestone of which had been laid July 25th, 1886, was completed and ready for consecration on November 28th, 1886, on which occasion Rev. Dr. Weidner, of Rock Island Theological Seminary, assisted in the solemn service. The church is a handsome frame structure, with brick foundation, and is situated on one of the prettiest corner lots of the city and is of Gothic style of architecture, 36 by 50 feet in size, with corner tower and steeple 60 feet high. It is substantially and well built. The chancel furniture is of walnut.

Decatur, Ill.—Rev. J. D. Roth, pastor. This Mission is in a healthy condition. The services are well attended and the interest is unabated. The church building of which the corner stone was laid in June, 1886, was ready for occupancy since January, 1887. The basement has been used since January. In the lower story there is provision for a Sunday School room and an infant class room, in the upper story for the auditorium to seat 400 persons and the pastor's study. The cost of the enterprise to the present time is $13,782. The debt is about $6,000, one-half of this amount is loaned on long time by the donor of the lot, the balance is temporarily borrowed and will be due January, 1889.

The parochial report is as follows: Number of families, 29; communicant members, 54; baptized members, 80; received from sister churches, 7; by confirmation, 3; baptized 3 infants and 1 adult; funerals of infants, 2; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 76; one Ladies' Missionary Society; contributions by ——, $55.00.

Missionary Roth writes: "If the church generally, will now give us about $3,500 to pay off our indebtedness, we will be able to go on our way rejoicing, and our success will be assured."

The auditorium is furnished with good folding chairs and a good reflector, seating comfortably 200 to 250 persons. The church cost with furniture, $2,700. It cost much less than if it had been built on contract. The church lots cost $2,400.

In March, 1887, Rev. Mr. Ulery informed the Committee of his resignation of the office he held, to take effect not later than July 1st, 1887. The Committee was perfectly satisfied with the work of Rev. Mr. Ulery, and with regrets accepted his resignation. Rev. G. H. Gerberding, of Jewet, Ohio, was unanimously elected the successor of Rev. Mr. Ulery, by whom he had been suggested to the Committee. Rev. Mr. Ulrey very kindly attended to the erection of a suitable house on the lot alongside of the church, for his successor, which work detained him after July 1st. Rev. Mr. Gerberding has entered upon the work at Fargo and feels encouraged in the same. The congregation at Fargo was organized in the past year as also the Sunday school. The Committee awaits encouraging reports from this field of labor.

Such is a brief report touching the missions under the care of the Committee. The Missionaries at various points cared not only for their respective missions, but spent considerable time in looking after the wants of promising fields near their places of labor.

Many appeals were made to the Committee for aid, so that the Missionaries in the fields reported, cared by such help, by means of men and money, extend their operations in other fields ripe for the harvest.

Appeals were also made to the Committee for help in establishing missions in new fields that should be cared for. But the Committee could not respond favorably to many appeals in view of the want of means.

As in former years, the Committee made appeals to the churches for aid, and the appeals prepared by the Chairman of the Committee were published in the church papers. It was gratifying to notice in the past year an increased interest in the work of the Committee, but not near as extensive as it ought to be to enter upon its larger operations.

During the past year all the interest on the debt, together with five hundred dollars of the principal, were paid, thus reducing the debt to five hundred dollars.

The Committee, by request, met with the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pa., and the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, to consider the Financial Plan submitted at

the last Annual Meeting of the General Council and referred to District Synods for examination, discussion and approval, and heartily approved of the views now adopted by the Executive Committee of the Ministerium of Pa., "That this Ministerium approves the plan of centralizing the entire Home Mission work within the General Council, under the three General Committees, German, English and Swedish, each with its separate and distinct Treasurer."

In view of the many new applications for aid, the claims of which need to be carefully considered, in view of the importance of a thorough knowledge of the condition of each mission sustained by the Committee, in view of the importance of a speedy adjustment of differences and difficulties that may affect the relations of missionary and people, in view of the constant necessity of a proper presentation of the work of Home Missions to the churches from whom aid is to be asked, the Committee was more fully convinced of the necessity of the appointment and support of a missionary agent or Superintendent.

The reports of the different missions under the care of the Committee, show what may be done by the church in the work of English Missions. But it is only a feeble beginning and yet the promise of great results if the churches will awaken to the importance and blessing of such work, and by prayer, means and men unite in sustaining properly the work begun in the name of the Lord.

The report of the Treasurer is herewith submitted as a part of this report.

Abstract of Report of the Treasurer of the English Home Mission Committee.

INCOMES:

Cash by contributions and donations	$5,730 04

EXPENDITURES:

To Salaries:	
Rev. S. L. Harkey, D.D., Toledo	$ 583 33
" C. Koerner, Chicago	450 00
" F. C. C. Kaehler, Chicago	500 00
" G. H. Trabert, Minneapolis	1000 00
" A. J. D. Houpt, St. Paul	500 00
" W. F. Ulery, Fargo	800 00
" J. D. Roth, Decatur	185 00
To expenses of:	
Rev. D. L. Fogelman, Minneapolis	67 00
" G. H. Gerberding, Fargo	100 00

Contribution for Rev. C. Kreuzenstein.	9 98	
Bill of printing.....	3 00	
On indebtedness of Thiel College.....	500 00	
Interest on one thousand dollars.....	212 84	
Rev. W. F. Ulery at Fargo.....	24 00	
" W. F. Ulery for parsonage at Fargo.....	120 00	
	5,055 15	
Balance on hand.....	674 89	
		$5,730 04
Indebtedness to Thiel College.....$	500 00	
Indebtedness to Missionaries to Oct. 1, '87.	706 56	
	1,206 56	
Less amount in Treasury.....	674 89	
Amount of indebtedness to date..... $	531 67	

HENRY BEATES, *Treasurer.*

509 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 2, 1887.

The undersigned Auditing Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct.

HENRY LEHMAN,
R. M. ZIMMERMAN.

September 24, 1887.

The Committee on Sunday school work reported through Rev. N. N. Fegley, and their report, with all the papers connected therewith was referred to a Special Committee, as follows:

Rev. F. F. Buermeyer,
" C. G. F. Haas,
" F. Kaehler.
Mr. A. W. Potteicher,
" C. J. Beck.

The Committee on Statistics offered their report, which was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

Your Committee respectfully report that several of the larger Synods connected with the General Council have, this year, bestowed greater care upon returning the number of their "confirmed members," or those entitled to commune, than has been the case formerly. For the purpose of securing as complete returns as possible, several Synods have appointed a "Statistical Secretary," or "Statistician,"

as recommended by this Council—who is charged with the duty of collecting and compiling the parochial reports. It is hoped that other Synods will take similar action, in order that such a faithful resume of the numerical strength of the General Council may be secured.

In view of the great diversity now existing in the parochial blanks used by the various Synods, your Committee are of opinion that it would be well if greater uniformity could be secured and a blank agreed upon which could be adopted by all Synods in connection with the Council.

Your Committee has been "instructed to embody in their report such information as they may be able to gather respecting our educational institutions." Such information was gathered last fall and published in the proceedings of the last Convention of this body. The following is a summary of the state of our Educational Institutions at the end of the scholastic year, 1886-87. There are three Theological Seminaries in full and organic connection with the Council. There are six buildings, all brick and stone, valued at $175.000, only one has an endowment. The number of regular Professors is 8; that of other teachers 2, and of the students 121; volumes in the libraries, 20,000. Of colleges and other classical institutions there are 80, occupying buildings valued at $298,550. Three have endowments amounting to $180,300. The number of Professors is 63, of other teachers 8, and of students 1,123, a much larger number than ever before. 828 of these students attend the four institutions of the Augustana Synod. Volumes in the libraries 30,720.

J. NICUM,
H. E. JACOBS,
T. H. DIEHL.

The Committee was continned and ordered to report a schedule for Prochial Reports for the use of the Synods.

The Church Book Committee was ordered to publish the orders for Ministerial Acts, as far as adoptedby the Council, in German, in the form in which they are to be incorporated in the Church Book. With reference to the proposal that the several bodies, which have united in the preparation of the common service, should also unite in securing orders for Ministerial Acts and a collection of Hymns, it was *Resolved*, That the Committee have authority to unite with the other bodies in the preparation of orders for

Ministerial Acts, provided the same rule be applied as in the case of the common service, and that the question as to the collection of Hymns be referred to the Church Book Committee for cosideration, with power to act and to report to the next meeting of the Council.

Rev. Weiskotten offered the report of the Committee on the Publication of the Constitution, By-Laws, &c., which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, Etc.

Your Committee appointed to prepare the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules, for publication, finds, upon careful consideration, that in order to make the document complete, it should include:

1. The call for a Convention, (dated August 10, 1866) which Convention resulted in the organization of the General Council.
2. The Fundamental Principles.
3. The Charter.
4. The Constitution.
5. The By-Laws.
6. Standing Rules and Resolutions.
7. Instructions to Standing Committees.
8. Official Declarations.

Steps have been taken to prepare these for the press, and we respectfully request, that the Committee on Publications be instructed to issue them as a separate pamphlet.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

Revs. Petersen and Heischmann were excused from further attendance at this Convention.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Steinhauser.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2:30 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. E. Smith. The minutes were read and adopted.

Rev. G. H. Trabert presented the report of the Swedish Home Mission Commmittee, which was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT

OF THE SWEDISH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

Before the risen Saviour took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, he said to his disciples: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." To the end of the earth the Lord commands His witnesses to bear the message of Salvation, and there is no people sunk so deep in heathenism and superstition that shall not become partakers of the blessings of the Gospel. But before the Gospel is offered to the Heathen, an earnest effort is to be put forth, that the people of the covenant be made partakers of its blessings. The Mission work is to begin at Jerusalem. This clearly shows that Home Mission work, as well as Foreign, is commanded of Christ, and Home Missions is, at present for us of the greatest importance. After more than a quarter of a century of work, during which the Lord has shown His favor in a manner that merits our most devout thanksgiving, the need upon our Home Mission field seems to be greater than ever before. We rejoice over the great numbers, who, in this country, worship in our Swedish Lutheran Zion, but as long as great numbers are still without the preaching of the Word of God, we cannot rest and take our ease because of the victories already won. As long as we must depend upon the carrying forward of our work upon our own resources, and do not as our German brethren, e. g., receive any help from the mother church, no one will have reason to complain if we give the greatest attention to our Home Mission interests.

In accordance with our Constitution, the greater part of our Home Mission work has been conducted by the different Conferences; but the field entrusted to the special care of the Committee is both great and important. The following brief outline shows the work done during the year, which is but a small fraction of the whole number of missions under the fostering care of the Synod:

CALIFORNIA.

The Ebenezer Congregation which was organized five years ago in San Francisco, has this year ceased to be a Mission, and is now self-supporting, having a communicant membership of 255, and church

property valued at $23,000. Its future usefulness and prosperity is now assured, notwithstanding a debt of $11,720 still resting on it. We have great reason to rejoice over this, our first self-supporting congregation on the Western coast, and we trust that it may remain a true mission center, dispersing light and warmth to others of our countrymen in different parts of the State. The self-sacrificing pastor, Rev. J. Telleen, has manifested great interest in the work of missions along the entire cost, which is worthy of every recognition.

In San Jose, the work has, since first begun, had to contend with many difficulties, but a better day has at length dawned upon the Mission. The young people, in particular, are very diligent in attending upon divine service, and are taking an increased interest in the work of the Church. The church recently built, has been consecrated during the year. The congregation still has a debt of $3,000, but it owns two lots constantly increasing in value, rendering the debt a matter of no great consequence. What seemed at one time a hinderence to the work, was the resignation of Rev. F. A. Linder, who labored here with great success. But the Lord did not withhold His blessing, but graciously provided a successor. The congregation tendered a call to Rev. P. A. Fair, who was ordained at the last meeting of our Synod, who accepted the same, and is now in his field of labor.

On the 18th of August, 1886, your Committee tendered a call to Pastor A. M. LeVean, of Assaria, Kansas, to be Missionary Pastor in the city of Sacramento. Rev. LeVean accepted the call, but upon advice of the pastors on the coast, he soon removed to Oakland, where the prospects for our work were much more hopeful than in Sacramento. During the short period in which Pastor LeVean labored there, it has been clearly shown that Oakland is an important Mission-field, well worthy our attention. The Swedish Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul congregation has been organized during the year, and it already numbers 41 communiants. Difficulties presented themselves here, the same as in our other large cities, where Mission work has been begun, in the securing of a suitable place in which to hold service, but this difficulty has been fortunately met by the decisive action of pastor LeVean. Before the congregation was organized, he bought a lot with a church and a little school house on it, which is most advantageously located for our work. The cost of the whole was $6,000. The importance of this action has already shown itself. The church, at the public service, is often crowded with attentive hearers. A pleasing interest in church work has mani-

fested itself. A Sunday school, Young People's Society and Choir have been organized and been taken hold of with great earnestness. The church has been repaired and the expenses incurred paid by the congregation. That the congregation has a heavy debt upon its shoulders is no more than what could be expected. It is, however, to be hoped that it will be gradually reduced and not be a hindrance to the development of the congregation.

Sacramento and Sutter Station could only be visited several times by the few pastors we have in the State. A petition from the West Coast Mission District for a traveling Missionary, could not be granted inasmuch as the necessary means were lacking.

OREGON.

The congregation in Portland has done a blessed work during the year, under the faithful direction of Rev. J. W. Skans. With a communicant membership of 107, a church property valued at $6,500, and a debt of only $1,670, there is every indication that the Mission, which now receives $300 aid, will, before long, be self-sustaining. Rev. Skans has also visited other mission stations, as far as time would allow him to do so.

Since Rev. J. Hoikke left Astoria, no permanent pastor has been stationed there. The congregation was, however, not without the preaching of God's word. Rev. J. W. Skans visited it occasionally. But we take special pleasure in mentioning the work Rev. A. Jackson did there. Being in failing health, and hoping a brief residence on the Pacific coast would afford a season of much needed rest, and restore his weakened constitution, he went to Oregon, and during the whole period of his sojourn, he has taken the most zealous interest in our church work there.

The congregation in Marshfield has, by the removal of Rev. Ryden, been vacant during the year. But we rejoice to know that the vacancy did not continue long, inasmuch as Rev. A. A. Sward, who was ordained at the last meeting of our Synod, accepted a call, and removed thither. The Committee has granted $300 toward the support of the Mission.

Rev. L. O. Lind has, during the year, served the congregation in Vancouver, which enjoyed encouraging progress. It now numbers 50 communicants, and the whole number of members is over 100. The prospects for external increase are, according to pastor Lind's report, encouraging. Pastor Lind has also, on several occasions during the year, visited our countrymen in Neholem Valley, where a

small congregation has been organized. In a letter to the Committee he expressed his intention to leave the Western coast, as his salary was found to be inadequate, but the Committee has granted him $250 aid, and he has again returned to that field.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

The Mission-field on Puget Sound has proved to be more laborious and difficult than anywhere along the Pacific coast. There is here no lack of our countrymen, but they are given up to a fearful extent to indifference as to spiritual things, and are under the pernicious influence of secret societies. Every effort here has cost much and difficult labor. To work on such a field is not an easy calling, and pastor G. A. Anderson deserves special recognition for his faithful, enduring efforts there. He has not been without encouragement in his work, and the success which has been won, promises a hopeful future. Although slowly, the congregation in Tacona has developed in the right direction, and the prospects for its continued growth are good. It has received during the year $400 toward the support of the pastor.

In Seattle, the outlook for our work is, at least, no darker than it was when we presented our last report, Rev. G. A. Anderson has regularly visited the Mission. We have also the pleasure to state that Rev. Jackson was there for a while, and devoted his excellent talents to advance the church's work. He has had the pleasure of seeing the services pretty well attended. Much would be surely gained for our Mission in Seattle and on the whole West Coast if Rev. Jackson would see his way clear to accept the call tendered him by the Committee to continue his labors at that point.

IDAHO TERRITORY.

Rev. B. Carlson, who, for so many years, has labored as a pioneer in new fields, has now excepted a call to the congregation at Cordelia. It is also eminently proper that the field in Idaho have the undivided labors of at least one pastor. The number of Sweds in the Territory has considerably increased, and they are found in considerable numbers at many points. Rev. Carlson has, also, besides his regular congregation, several preaching places. He succeeded in organizing three congregations during the year, at Walby, Oregon, Moscow and Westdahle. The Committee has granted $1,000 toward his support.

MAINE.

Although the taking hold of that large and old settlement, New

Sweden, meant much hard and self-denying labor, yet we have reason to thank God that thereby we secured a firm footing in that State for our work. An almost complete cessation from church work at that point has had the result of making the work very difficult for a time, but there is reason to express the hope that these difficulties will, with faithful effort, be overcome. Rev. M. N. Marbery has labored there with commendable zeal, promising well for the congregation's future. The Committee has devoted $300 toward the support of the pastor.

In accordance with a resolution of our Synod at its meeting in 1886, the Committee set apart $800 and traveling expense for a traveling Missionary in the New York Conference. The Mission Committee of that Conference were so fortunate as to secure the services of Rev. G. Nilsenius, who has labored with great success in Western Pennsylvania and South-eastern Ohio. Several congregations have been organized, and a church is now being built in the large manufacturing city of Pittsburg.

SEAMENS' MISSIONS.

All that the Committee has done in this direction during the year, has been the granting of $200 to Rev. M. J. Englund, pastor of Zion congregation in Philadelphia, for his labors among the Scandinavian seamen which visit that city. Besides this we may mention that Rev. C. F. Johansson is now the Missionary of the Ev. Luth. Fosterlandstiftelsen (in Sweden) in Boston, and has had occasion to break the bread of life to many Scandinavian seamen at that port.

UTAH MISSION.

The result of our work during the year in Salt Lake City has been quite satisfactory. The congregation now numbers 64 communicants, and the whole number of members is 108. There are 33 children in the weekday school. Our Missionary, Rev. Krantz, has exerted himself more than could be reasonably expected. After several vain efforts, the Committee at length succeeded in securing a student in our institution at Rock Island as an assistant, especially in the school work, so as to enable pastor Krantz to devote more time to the direct mission work than he has hitherto been able to do. On account of the peculiar circumstances in Utah, much of the work must be done by female missionaries. Mrs. Hilda Carlson has labored indefatigably in this capacity, but failing health compelled her to relinquish the work, and she has therefore received leave of absence to make a journey to her fatherland. It is to be hoped that she may soon be restored, and resume the important work for which she is peculiarly adapted.

Pastor Krantz has not been able to do much outside of Salt Lake City, owing to his time being taken up with school work. He still made several mission tours, and found an open door for church work wherever he came. It is beyond all possible doubt that God has specially directed us to work on this important field. A very large number of the Mormons have at one time been the children of our Lutheran church, and when they get tired of and disgusted with the Mormons' soul-destroying doctrines, there is more hope that they will return to the Lutheran church than that they will go to any other denomination. It is, therefore, greatly to be regretted that we have been unable to secure another pastor for that mission.

At the last meeting of our Synod it was resolved that $1000 should be devoted to our Mission in India, and $500 of which have been sent to the Treasurer of the General Council's Foreign Mission Committee.

During last year there have been collected for Home Missions, $12,200, and $2,841 for Foreign Missions, in the congregations of the Augustana Synod.

May God bless our work, both at home and abroad, to His glory and the extension of His kingdom.

ERL CARLSON.

Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 7, 1887.

The Committee on a Plan for Home Mission Work, offered their report, which was received as follows:

Plan for Home Mission Work.

The Committee appointed to present a definite plan for the superintendance and administration of the Mission work of the Synods connected with the General Council, and the mode of raising and expending money for this work, respectfully reports:

1. That every aspect in which the subject can be viewed, past, present and prospective, shows imperious demand for a new, general and united consecration of our Synods, ministers and people, to the Home Mission work, in order to meet the great responsibilities which the providence of God has laid upon us.

2. That the requirements of the case are not so much new machinery or new methods as a new baptism with the spirit of our Lord, and a more earnest, universal and united working of the plans already devised.

3. That the varied character of the work calls for the continuation of the three general committees of the General Council, one to have entire charge of the Swedish work, another of the German, and a third of the English, and that the whole work of Home Missions outside of the District Synods, be assigned to these committees in their respective spheres.

4. That the management of the Home Mission work within the District Synods, in so far as within their power or desire, be left for the present to those Synods, but with the earnest admonition of the General Council, in view of the great and suffering interests of the Church in new cities and territories, that they do not expend their means on small and unpromising places, but always have chief regard to the great centers of population and the larger and more growing communities.

5. That the appeal to congregations, Sunday schools, Missionary Societies and individuals, for contributions and free will offerings for the use of the General Home Mission Committees be earnestly continued, and that the Synods be requested and urged to incorporate with their methods of raising money for their own local purposes some arrangements for regular annual revenues for the General Home Misson work as conducted by the general committees.

6. That each of the several committees be required to report to the General Council at each meeting, the amount required for its department during the ensuing year, and that the Council apportion out the aggregate of such amounts to the several Synods, as an indication of what would be deemed the proper share of such Synods in raising the needed sum.

7. That the general Committees on Home Missions be severally authorized, in their discretion, as the need may be, to appoint traveling missionaries, or superintendents of missions, and to assign them their duties and fields of operation, and to determine the amounts of their compensation.

8. That all monies intended for the use of the general committees of Home Missions be promptly paid over to the Treasurers of the said committees as indicated by the donors.

9. That the Mission committees of the District Synods be required to make annual report to the general committees of the Council according to language, furnishing an account of the Mission work of their respective Synods, the number and condition of the Missions under their care, the number of Missionaries employed or aided by them, and the sums expended for their support, that the same may be in-

corporated in the reports of the general committees as made to the General Council.

10. As to the other matter referred to your Committee, the recommendation is that, until otherwise ordered by the General Council, the balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the General Council arising from the publications of the General Council, all necessary expenses of this body being paid, be divided as follows, to wit:

Two-thirds of surplus from German publications to the German Home Mission Committee; *two-thirds* of surplus from English publications to the English Home Mission Committee, and the other third in both cases to the cause of Foreign Missions.

[Signed] J. A. Seiss,
F. Wischan,
O. Olsson,
J. Steinhauser,
B. M. Schmucker,
G. H. Trabert,
J. A. Kunkelmann,
Henry Lehman,
J. P. Samuelson.

The first nine items of this Report were adopted, and pending the consideration of the tenth, after ordering that Rev. Dr. Schmucker, Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Missions, should, at this evening's session, in the absence of the full report of said Committee, make such statements as might be necessary in regard to our Foreign Mission work, the Council adjourned to visit Thiel College. Prayer by Rev. Petersen.

VISIT TO THIEL COLLEGE.

At a little after four o'clock, P. M., the members of the Council visited Thiel College in a body, and inspected the grounds and the fine College buildings. They aftewards assembled in the College Chapel, where they were welcomed by the acting President, Prof. McKee, and the President of the Board of Trustees, after which encouraging remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Passavant, Rev. Dr. Spaeth, Rev. Dr. Seip, Prof. Olsson, Rev. Dr. Fritschel and Rev. Richter.

This flourishing institution, which is under the control of the Synod of Pittsburg, owes its existence and name, under God, to Louis Thiel, by whose liberal donation it was established.

NINTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 12, 7½ P. M.

After opening services conducted by the President, Rev. Dr. Schmucker, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed the Council and congregation on the subject of Foreign Missions, giving a complete and very interesting summary of the work of this body in our Mission field in East India. It was Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Committee, at their discretion, appoint a Secretary of Foreign Missions, assign him his duties and fix his salary.

It was also ordered that 2350 copies of the Foreign Mission Report be printed in English,—350 for the use of the Committee and 2000 to be appended to the English Minutes.

Adjourned; prayer by Rev. J. J. Kuendig.

TENTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 13, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr. The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and approved.

The tenth item of the plan for Home Missions, and the report as a whole were adopted.

The election of the Home and Foreign Mission Committee was made the first order for this afternoon.

Rev. Dr. Wenzel offered the report of the Committee on the Relations of this body to the Institution in Kropp, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RELATIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO KROPP.

Your Committee on the Relation of the General Council to Kropp, beg leave to report the following:

Acknowledging the fact that Rev. J. Paulsen has, for years, with great personal and material sacrifice, educated young men for our General Council, and also, in view of the fact, that no definite ar-

rangements have, as yet, been made with him in reference thereto, therefore,

Resolved, That the trustees of the General Council, the German Home Mission Committee and the Professors of the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, be authorized as a Committee, to confer with Rev. J. Paulsen, in reference to our relations to his institution, and that the result of the agreement that may be entered into between the two parties, shall go into temporary effect, subject, however, to such changes as the General Council may, at its next Convention, be pleased to make.

Resolved, That the question involved in the spending of their senior year in the Philadelphia Seminary, on the part of the students from Kropp, mentioned in the action of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, be referred to the same Committee.

G. A. Wenzel,
S. Fritechel,
F. W. Weiskotten,
G. H. Gomph,
S. S. Repass,
G. A. Hinterleitner,
Fr. Bauer,
G. A. Leicht.

Rev. Veit was excused from further attendance upon this Convention.

The Committee on the publication and sale of the books of the General Council presented their report, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLICATION AND SALE OF THE BOOKS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

During the year the Constitution for Congregations has been electrotyped in both the English and German languages, and an edition of 500 copies printed of each. Congregations can order copies printed from these plates, cause the name of their Church to be inserted in place, and add their By-Laws as an appendix.

Two petitions for donations of German Church Book were received. The Ward's Island Mission Committee, Rev. J. C. J. Petersen, Secretary, asked for 100 copies for use in the Chapel, and Rev. A. Dietrich, the German Missionary in Dakota, desired two dozen copies for the Mission. After the President of your Committee had consulted with the President of the General Council, the requests were granted in the belief that the Council would approve of such a course. Fifty copies each of the large and small editions were sent to Ward's

Island, and twelve copies of each edition were sent to Rev. Mr. Dietrich. We would respectfully ask the General Council for its approval of this action.

There has been some delay in making an arrangement with the Iowa Synod in reference to the price at which the Council will furnish the German Church Book to that body. Your Committee is not certain whether the General Council desires simply to remit to the Iowa Synod the premiums of 15 cents per copy of the large size and 10 cents per copy of the small size, or whether the sheets are to be furnished at present cost of production. The latter price would vary with the price of labor and paper, whilst the former would be a fixed price placed at a figure which allows for variations in price of work and material. We would be pleased to have the sense of the Council in this matter. Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

REPORT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF GENERAL COUNCIL.

I. DEUTSCHES KIRCHENBUCH.

(German Church Book).

A. Receipts: For 829 copies large bound and 1,849 bound small		$1,560 20
For 136 sheets large bound and 500 sheets small		270 20
For packing, &c.		15 16
		$1,845 56
Paid on account by Wartburg Publishing House, Iowa Synod		250 00
		$2,095 56
B. Disbursements: Costs of printing 4,000 large and 6,335 small	$1,163 45	
Costs of binding and folding 1,000 large and 2,915 small	686 76	
Costs of packing, &c.	18 13	
		$1,868 34
		$227 22

C. There were delivered to the Iowa Synod (Wartburg Publishing House) 1,200 sheets large, 2,800 sheets small, 49 copies large bound plain and 250 copies small bound plain; whereon $250 were paid on account.

STOCK ON HAND

	Sheets large.	Sheets small.	Bound large.	Bound small.
Per last report,.....	1,293	1,764	682	553
Added printed, ...	4,000	6,335 bound	1,000	2,915
	5,293	8,099	1,682	3,468
Sold,.....	136	500	829	1,849
	5,157	7,599	853	1,619
Presented,.....			62	62
Bound.....	1,000	2,915	791	1,557
	4,157	4,684		
[c]Delivered to the Iowa Synod Wartburg Pub. House.	1,200	2,800	49	250
Leaves stock,.....	2,957	1,884	742	1,307

Presented to the Ward's Island New York Mission, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, 50 copies large, and 50 copies small, bound.

Presented to the Richardson Dakota Mission, Rev. A. Dietrich, 12 copies large, and 12 copies small, bound.

II. SONNTAG SCHUL BUCH OHNE NOTEN.

(German Sunday School Book without Music).

Stock on hand per last report, 812 boards, 1,396 muslin binding.

Total balance of Edition closed out at.....	$387 04
With expenses of.....	6 10
Leaves.....	$380 94
There was a surplus per last report of.....	150 00
	$530 94

III. LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK.

Stock last report,....	799 muslin binding.	Boards,	575
Sold.....	72		218
	727		357

Proceeds of sales of 72 muslin and 218 board binding.....$84 95

IV. DEUTSCHER KLEINER KATESCHISMUS.

(German Small Catechism).

Stock at last report 300; printed 3,000; sold, 1,500; leaves stock, 1,800.

Sales 1,500,.....	$45 00
Cost printing 3,000,.....	25 50
Net result of sales.....	$19 50

RECAPITULATION.

Church Book paid to the Treasury	$227 22
Sunday school book without music	530 94
Little children's books	84 95
Small catechism	19 50
	$862 61

To this is to be added the result of the amount of sheets and bound books delivered to the Iowa Synod (Wartburg Publishing House) less the amount paid on account, $250.

There are also on hand 500 copies German, and 500 of English Constitution for congregations.

$75 from Ig. Kohler and T. H. Diehl, paid to Treasurer Staake.

Neither this year nor last has any money from premiums been paid by Rev. G. W. Frederick, nor could your Treasurer obtain any satisfaction from him. He claims that no copy of the contract made with him has been placed in his hands, and he seems indisposed to do anything until he has his contract.

J. C. FILE, *Treasurer.*

The action of the Committee in donating certain publications to Missions was approved, and the Committee was instructed to furnish the German Church Book to the Iowa Synod at cost of publication.

It was Resolved, That the Trustees be instructed to require the payment of all premiums now due from Rev. G. W. Frederick within thirty days.

Rev. Dr. Belfour presented the report of the Committee on the Ratio of Representation, which was received and referred to the Synods for consideration, as follows:

Report of Committee on Representation.

Your Committee has felt some hesitation in determining on the proper recommendation to be made on the question of increasing the ratio of representation of the Synods in this Council. We felt that there are weighty reasons both for and against a change. But, after reflection, we recommend, that no change be made at this time. We are of the opinion that considerable difficulty is now experienced in securing full delegations, and that this would be proportionately increased by the proposed change. In the case of the Synods where the delegates pay their own traveling expenses it would be difficult to

find so many who could do this; and in the case of those Synods which pay the expenses of their representatives the increased burden would probably be objectionable under present arrangements. We believe that the difficulty will be largely modified when the time comes that the Council will meet less frequently, when larger delegations can be sent and their expenses provided for by either the Synods or the Council.

EDMOND BELFOUR,
G. W. MECHLING.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of District Synods was received, and its first item was adopted; and pending the consideration of the second item, the Council adjourned to meet at two o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Rev. Kunzman.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2 P. M.

This session was opened with prayer by Rev. Gomph, and the minutes were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Gomph it was Resolved, that the Publishing Committee of the General Council be authorized to publish the Liturgical part of the *Kirchenbuch*, including the Collects, Scripture lessons and Psalms bound, to be sold only to pastors and officers of Churches in connexion with the General Council at a cost of at least 15 per cent. less than that of the whole book. Messrs. W. H. Staake, Henry Lehman, and A. Bendel were elected Trustees of the General Council.

The English and the German Home Mission Committees and the Foreign Mission Committee were elected by ballot as follows:

ENGLISH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D., Chairman, 1338 Springarden Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. S. Laird, D. D., Secretary, 1314 Springarden St., Phila., Pa.
Mr. H. A. Beates, Treasurer.

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D.	Mr. W. W. Kurtz,
" R. M. Zimmermann,	" J. J. Mohr,

Rev. Prof. S. B. Sadtler, D. D.
" S. A. Repass, D. D.
" F. J. F. Schanz.
" D. H. Geissinger.

Mr. E. R. Artman,
" H. Lehman,
" Alf. Saeger,

GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,
" G. A. Hinterleitner, D. D.
" J. J. Kuendig,
" C. G. F. Haas,
" F. Wischan,
" E. F. Moldchnke, Ph. D.
" J. Steinhauser,
" A. Richter,
" J. Heischmann,
" J. Nicum.

Mr. A Bendel,
" J. G. Wagner,
" F. Bauer,
" J. Langenstein.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D.,President, 1615 Girard Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.,English Secretary, Pottstown, Pa.,
" H. Grahn,German Secretary,1009 S.Fourth st.,Philadelphia,Pa.,
Mr. W. H. Staake, Treasurer, 229 S. Sixth " " "
Rev. Prof. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.
" F. Wischan,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" W. A. Schaeffer,
" J. E. Niedecker,
" M. J. Englund,
" J. P. Deck.

Dr. H. V. Hilprecht,
Mr. H. Frank,
" Fred. Bauer.

SWEDISH HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Carlsson,
" L. G. Abrahamson, Secretary, 815 Portland Ave., Chicago, Ill.,
" C. C. Olander,
" J. Wickstrand,
" H. O. Lindeblad,

Mr. Gustav Johnson,
" Samuel Hoogner,
" C. P. Samuelson.
" S. M. Johnson.

IMMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. H. Baden, President, 240 Adelphia St., Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Mr. W. Hauff, Secretary, 40 Park Row, New York,
" W. A. Smithenner, Treas., P. O. Box 23, No. 13 Broadway, N. Y.

Rev. C. Lindberg,
" Leo Koenig,
" J. C. J. Petersen.
Mr. R. J. Mannheim,
" L. F. Anger,
" C. W. Lundquist.

The President appointed a Committee on THE DIVINE LAW OF MARRIAGE, as follows :

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D.
" C. W. Shaeffer, D. D., LL. D.
" W. J. Mann, D. D.
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Dr. Smucker, with reference to the Chicago Theological Seminary, were adopted :

1. That, in contemplating the establishment of a Theological Seminary in Chicago, it is the intention of the Council to recognize the fact that the institution of the Augustana Synod furnishes natural and proper provision for the training of men for the work of the ministry among the Swedish people.

2. That any persons authorized to act for the Council in the establishment and governance of the Theological Seminary at Chicago are hereby permanently directed to avoid any occasion of offense by interfering in the work of the Augustana Synod among the Swedes.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the Synods was finally adopted as a whole as follows :

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods.

Your Committee respectfully submit the following :

I. THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States held an adjourned meeting in the Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia, Pa., from January 10–12, 1887, at which 145 clerical members and 41 lay delegates were present, for the consideration of a revised Constitution which had engaged its attention for some years past. The Constitution was approved and ordered to be laid before the body for final action at the next annual meeting.

At the 140th Annual Meeting, held in Zion's Church, Philadelphia, June 2–8, 1887,at which 224 clergymen entitled to vote, and 110 lay delegates were present, the revised Constitution was adopted, to go into effect immediately upon the final adjournment of the meeting.

The whole number of clerical members composing the body is 251. Of the 25 members admitted at this meeting 4 were ordained Ministers. There are 417 congregations, composing 187 parishes connected with the Synod. The number of confirmed members is 95,046; additions, 7,853; losses, 3,056; infant baptisms, 8,693; 14 Parochial schools with 29 teachers and 1,350 pupils connected with its congregations; also 221 Lutheran Sunday schools, with 4,947 teachers, and 45,247 pupils; as well as 270 schools not directly connected with its congregations, with 2,620 teachers and 25,583 pupils are reported.

The reported contributions for the various operations of the Synod are as follows: current expenses, $248,554.14; special objects, $222,308.40; Synodical, $36,632.62; general purposes, (General Council), $12,213.65. A total of $534,213.56.

It has the following Missions under its own supervision:

First Conference: Humesport, Riverside and New Germany, N. J., Rev. T. N. Ander; Millville and Vineland, N. J., Rev. O. R. J. Grapp; Woodbury and Gloucester, N. J., Rev. B. H. Warnke; Christ's, at Cramer Hill, N. J., Rev. O. E. Behrens; Doylestown, Pa., Rev. E. G. Miller; Norristown, Pa., Rev. R. G. Roeder.

Also the congregations under the control of the Board of City Missions, English and German, viz.:

In the city of Philadelphia, St. Peter's, Reed St., Rev. E. R. Cassaday; Church of the Advent, 5th and Chambers St., Rev. F. C. Fluck; St. Paul's, 22d above Columbia, Rev. R. M. Zimmerman; Christ's, Chestnut Hill, Rev. C. J. Hirtzel; Emmanuel's, Frankford, Rev. H. Lehmoff; St. Thomas, Germantown, Rev. Fr. Jelden; St. Peter's, West Philadelphia, Rev. C. H. Pohle; Trinity, Rising Sun, Rev. A. A. Duiss; Christ and St. Mark's, vacant. In Camden, the Church of the Epiphany, Rev. C. H. Binder.

Second Conference: Same as printed in 1886, omitting Aineyville and Sand Cut.

Third Conference: St. Clair and Gilbertown, Pa., Rev. M. C. Laner; Girardsville, Pa., vacant.

Fourth Conference: Mt. Joy, Rev. J. H. Umbenhen; Columbia, Rev. J. A. Schaffner.

Fifth Conference: Same as printed in 1886.

Of the thirty-eight students assisted by Synod in their studies during the year twenty-six attended the Seminary.

Synod occupied a considerable part of its time in considering the interests of the Theological Seminary and making arrangements for the erection of a new Seminary Building at Mt. Airy. Muhlen-

berg College is increasing in influence and strength, and there seems to be a fair prospect of a brighter and more prosperous future before it.

At the Orphan's Home, at Germantown, Pa., seventy-six orphans and thirty-one aged persons were supported during the past year.

In view of a recommendation of the Faculty of the Seminary to the Board of Directors, upon which said Board adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Seminary recommend to the Ministerium of Penna, to propose to the General Council that arrangements be made by the General Council by which the students from Kropp may spend the last year of their studies at the Seminary in Philadelphia, under provisions and conditions which may be satisfactory to the Directors of this Seminary to the General Council and to the Seminary at Kropp, with reference to their course of studies at Kropp, the evidence of their character and capacity, and also with reference to the provisions for their support.

With reference to this resolution of the Board of Directors, the Synod took the following action:

"*Resolved*, That we recommend that the proposition of the Board of Directors be adopted.

"*Resolved*. That the Executive Committee be instructed to extend aid to the students from Kropp during the last year, under the usual rules and regulations, within the limits of $1,000.00.

"*Resolved*, That we submit to the consideration of the Synod the justice and propriety of an appropriation toward the support of the institution at Kropp."

With reference to the "Plan for the Management of Home Misssions of the General Council," the Synod took the following action:

"In response to the proposals submitted by the General Council for the consideration of its several Synods, respecting the concentration of the entire Home Mission work of the General Council:

"1. *Resolved*, That this Ministerium approve the plan of centralizing the entire Home Mission work within the General Council after the manner indicated.

"2. *Resolved*, That so soon as the General Council shall have completed arrangements for such concentration, this Ministerium gives its consent to transfer its Home Missions to the care of the General Council.

"3. *Resolved*, That in agreeing to such a transfer of its Home Missions to the General Council, it reserves to itself and to its Conferences, through its Executive Committee, the right to designate mission points within its own bounds for support by the General Council's Home Mission Committee, German or English, as the case may be.

"4. *Resolved*, That when the proposed arrangements have been

consummated by the General Council, this Ministerium will include in its apportionments to the congregations such amounts for the general cause of Home Missions as may justly fall to it as its proportion in supporting the general work."

It was then

"*Resolved*, That these resolutions and this plan for the administration of the Mission work of the General Council, and of the Synods connected with it, be referred to the Executive Committee for careful consideration.

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be desired to invite the English and German Home Mission Committee of the General Council to meet and confer with them on this subject, and that the Executive Committee report to the Synod at its next meeting.

"*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee be requested to do this work before the next meeting of the General Council, and to submit to the Council the result of their consultation."

The next Annual Meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will be held at Lancaster, Pa., May 24, 1888.

II. NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

The Ministerium of New York and adjacent states and countries assembled for its 93d meeting from June 16 to 21, 1887, in the Evangelical Lutheran Zion's Church, at Rochester New York. The Synod is composed of 94 ministers, and 101 congregations, and has a communicant membership of 29,924. It has 38 Parochial schools in which 47 teachers and 15 pastors instruct 2,476 scholars. It reports 104 Sunday schools with 1,876 teachers and 18,705 children. Of infant baptisms there were 4,610, adults, 24. One thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine were confirmed, 1959 couples were married and 2,028 persons buried. The contributions for Congregational purposes of 26 congregations amounted to $77,550,06, while 41 congregations contributed $9,884,06 for benevolent purposes. Nine congregations received aid in the amount of $555. and 8 students in various institutions received $1,020.

A history of the New York Ministerium, having for its author the Rev. J. Nicum and compiled from original sources, is now in press. An Order of Visitation was submitted to the Synod and referred to the Conferences. The proposition of your honorable body referring to a Committee of Ways and Means to further Missionary efforts, was also referred to the conferences. In regard to woman's work in the Church Synod appointed a Committee which is to report on such work

annually. A statistical secretary was appointed in the person of Rev. D. W. Petersen, of Middle Village, L. I. To complete the statistical tables, three new rubrics were added to the Parochial Reports, viz: One, which is to contain the number of all confirmed members; the second, giving the sum total of monies expended for Congregational purposes; and the third, of monies expended for benevolent objects. The proposition to appoint a certain Sunday on which all Sunday schools are to hold special services and to devote the collections taken up on that particular Sunday to educational interests, was referred to the Conferences. The work of Deaconesses was duly considered,as it has been herebefore from year to year. Wagner Memorial College reported very favorably and Synod resolved to show its appreciation of the work being done by that institution by recommending it to the active support of all its members. A new law was passed by the New York State Legislature, under which Lutheran Congregations may, with greater advantages to themselves than herebefore, incorporate or re-incorporate.

(1) The New York Ministerium would respectfully beg the Honorable General Council to appoint a Committee, whose duty it shall be to draft a law relating to marriages which shall be binding for the Lutheran Church in the United States; and it further (2) begs your Honorable Body to grant it permission to publish separately the Liturgical part of the German Church Book. The next meeting of the Ministerium will take place on the Thursday following the first Sunday after Trinity, in Roundout, N. Y.

III. PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The 45th Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church was held from August 24th to August 30th, inclusive, in the First and Zion's Lutheran Church of Greensburgh, Pa., Rev. J. C. Kunzman and Rev. E. G. Lund, pastors. It is composed of 99 ministers, 85 pastoral charges, 190 congregations, with a communicant membership of 18,000. During the past year there were 1,583 baptisms, 1,085 confirmations and 527 received by certificate, with losses aggregating 791 by deaths and removals.

At the recent meeting 11 ministers were admitted into the Synod, and 10 congregations asked to be and were received. Five new churches were consecrated during the year,the cost amounting to about $40,000. Appropriations were made to 23 Missions and 13 young men received aid as beneficiaries of the Synod in their preparation for the ministry. The contributions last year for Synodical treasury,

Education and Home Missions amounted to $6,166.10 with a special Pentecost offering by the children for Home Missions of $1,484.04. The gross sum contributed for all purposes, including buildings and improvements last year, was $50,875.15.

The most important actions taken by the Synod were:

1. To make the Missionary President a salaried officer, and to devote his entire time to the Mission work. His salary is to be $900 with traveling expenses.

2. The granting of the request to organize a German Conference with the powers and privileges of a regular District Conference.

3. The passing of a resolution favoring the centralization of Synodical Missions in the hands of General Council General Mission Committees, provided, a due measure of control is guaranteed to the Synod with respect to Missions on its territory.

4. The appointment of a Committee to devise a plan of ministerial relief covering the three items of annuity, relief in case of protracted sickness and assurance in case of death.

5. Thiel college was reported in a flourishing condition, and, together with important changes made, the Synod voted $1,200 towards professors salaries, and moved to raise $4,000 on the institution's debt.

IV. DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The thirty-first Annual Convention of this Synod was held in Fultonham, Ohio, June 8–11, 1887. Its statistical report shows that it is composed of 31 pastors, 32 pastoral districts, 62 congregations, and 8,309 communicant members. During the nine months since the last meeting of this Synod, 474 members were received into the several congregations by confirmation, and 268 by letter, and 480 children were baptized. During that time one of its most aged members, Rev. Christian Albrecht, was called to his final rest. Four Home Missionaries, and one student have been supported. The Synod has contributed $800.00 towards the Missionary operations within its bounds, and $116.00 for General Council Missions.

The Synod has considered a new constitution which will be finally adopted at its next convention, which is to be held in Lewisburg, Ohio, Wednesday after Trinity Sunday, May 30, 1888.

VI. SCANDINAVIAN (SWEDISH) AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

The twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of the Swedish Augustana Synod was held in the Immanuel's Church, at Chicago, Ill., June 17–27, 1887.

The statistics for the year 1886 show that 507 congregations of the Synod number 66,309 communicants, 115,971 members. At the meeting in Chicago 23 young men were ordained to the ministry. The Lord has during the year called four of our ministers to his heavenly rest.

The present number of pastors is	244
Number of Church buildings	370
" " Parsonages	172
Value of Church property	$1,801,996.00

(not including the educational and benevolent institutions).

Debts on Church property	$ 317,578.90

Baptisms during the year:

Children	4,147
Adults	10
Confirmed	2,840

Sunday schools:

Teachers	2,312
Scholars	20,213

Parochial schools:

Weeks	2,954
Teachers	266
Scholars	10,774

Contributions as follows:

Synodical Treasury	$ 2,128.72
Conference Treasury	511.84
Educational purposes	19,086,97
Home Missions	12,200.93
Foreign Missions	2,841.24
Orphans' Homes, Church extension, etc.	19,266.02
Regular expenses	369,586.84

The four higher institutions of learning maintained by the Synod, (Augustana College and Seminary, Rock Island, Ill.; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn ; Bethany College and Normal Institute, Lindsborg, Kansas; and Luther Academy, Wahoo, Neb.), have pros-

pered during the year. The new building at Lindsborg has been dedicated, and we hope, by the help of God, to be able to complete the new building at Rock Island during the coming year.

The new Bible History mentioned in the last report is now issued.

Most of the time of the Synodical meeting in Chicago in June last, was consumed by discussions on the relationship between our educational institutions and on the Home Mission work.

In reference to our Colleges, it was

Resolved, That Augustana College at Rock Island, hereafter, as heretofore, shall be the common Institution of the Synod. That the Augustana Theological Seminary, forever, shall be the common Theological Seminary, and no Conference or part of the Synod shall be allowed to found and maintain a separate Theological Seminary.

In this last resolution originated another one that was taken up separtely and passed, to be presented before the General Council as follows:

WHEREAS, Our Synod owns a Seminary so near Chicago, and,

WHEREAS, This Synod has the American element well represented in its Seminary, and,

WHEREAS, The Synod looks upon a Seminary in Chicago, established for the purpose of taking up, at least in part, the work among us Swedish-Americans, as under the circumstances, an occasion for division and separation; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod is of the opinion that the General Council ought not to establish a Seminary in Chicago.

In connection with the long discussion on our Home Mission work, and with the report from the delegation to the General Council, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, Our Home Mission work, both on account of language and by reason of the special features of the Mission-field, does not permit any transfer to another authority; therefore,

Resolved, That the Augustana Synod cannot transfer its Home Mission work to the proposed General Committee of the General Council.

The sum of $1,000 was appropriated for the Mission in India, under the control of the General Council; said sum to be paid in two installments of $500 each time.

A discusston of Theses on the Ministerial Office, was commenced,

and is to be continued at the next annual meeting of the Synod, which is to be opened June 14th, 1888, in Galesburg, Ill.

There are five Orphan's Homes within the Synod, with 155 orphans. There is also a Hospital in Chicago, and one in St. Paul; small beginnings as yet.

VII. THE CANADA SYNOD.

The 27th meeting of the Canada Synod was held in the Evangelical Lutheran St. Peter's Church at Logan, Perth County, Ontario, June 1st to 6th, 1887. It numbers 26 pastors, 25 parishes, 56 congregations and 4 mission charges, embracing 12 congregations—4 additional pastors were received, 2 of them being candidates from Kropp, who were ordained by the Synod. There are 5,874 communicants, 52 German schools with 220 teachers, 2,930 pupils. The number of teachers and pupils in Parochial schools is not reported. There were 884 infant baptisms, and 13 adult baptisms, 398 were confirmed, 60 congregations have church buildings of their own and 26 own parsonages.

The contributions for benevolent purposes were as follows: Home Missions, $1,487.05; Foreign Missions, $251.00; erection of churches $468.92; local objects, $8,784.00; superanuated and disabled ministers, $136.62; beneficiary education, $475.00. The *Kirchenblatt*, with 800 subscribers, shows a balance of $284.00 profit. This Synod likewise adopted a revised Constitution, to go into effect at the next meeting of Synod. The next meeting will be held in St. Peter's Church at Zurick, Huron County, Ontario, May 23, 1888.

VIII. TEXAS SYNOD.

This Synod held its 35th Convention at St. Paul's Church, Burton, Washington county, Texas. In addition to the 31 ministers belonging to Synod, 4 others were received. The Synod has 28 congregations connected with it. Unfortunately, neither the number of baptisms, nor confirmations, nor communicants connected with the Synod is reported. The organization of 2 new congregations, as well as the consecration of 4 new churches is reported. A number of congregations are still vacant. Considerable attention was given to the subject of schools, both Parochial and common schools. The Synod decided that its pastors, if called upon to teach, should confine themselves strictly to congregational schools, [pp. 23, 24.]

The Synod adopted a systematic plan for carrying on the Missions

within its own bounds, and after a very warm debate it also determined by a majority of one, no longer to send contributions for Missions intended for its own congregations, to the Home Mission Committee of the General Council, but to the Synod's own treasurer. They tender their thanks to German Home Mission of the Council for the assistance given by said Committee to the Missionaries of Synod, (pp. 21, 22, 26, and 28), and seem very anxious to know what they can expect from that Committee in the future, [p. 38.]

IX. INDIANA SYNOD.

The annual session of this Synod was held at Mulberry, Indiana, beginning Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1887. As the territory of this body is largely of a mission character, much of the time was devoted to this important subject. The Synod expressed its entire approval of the proposed new departure of the General Council in the matter of Home Missionary work. The next meeting will be held at Rochester, Indiana, Thursday before Trinity Sunday, 1888.

No report from the Michigan Synod, as well as from advisory Synods.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. The Committee recommends that the action of the Pennsylvania Ministerium with reference to the Institution at Kropp be taken up at this meeting.

2. With reference to the request of the New York Ministerium, relating to the Scriptural rules regarding marriage binding upon the Lutheran Church in the United States, the Committee recommend the appointment of a Committee to consider the matter, and report at next meeting.

3. The request from the same body, regarding the separate publication of the German Liturgical Forms, be referred to this Body.

4. That the resolution of the Augustana Synod regarding the proposed Theological Seminary at Chicago, be referred to the Council for consideration.

W. A. PASSAVANT, JR.,
J. W. EARLY,
O. OLSSON,
SAM'L J. BECK,
FRED. VEIT.

The Committee on the President's Report presented their report, which was received and adopted as follows :

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The matters of the Immigrant Mission in Baltimore, and of the English Mission at Jamestown, were disposed of in their present stage, so far as this Body is concerned, by the President in the correspondence had. As neither the minutes of the Texas Synod, or any official communication, such as the President mentions, have, as yet, been received, there is nothing before us for consideration as touching that matter. We recommend that the absence of the delegate be excused.

The meeting of the General Conference of the Lutheran Ministers in Germany, in October next, calls for a recognition, on the part of the General Council, of the most kindly relation which that Conference has maintained to this Council ever since its organization. Many members of the Conference have time and again shown their interest in the important purposes for which this Council was formed, in the work in which it is engaged, and in the results which have been attained. The restoral of the ancient service of the Lutheran Church in which we have been engaged, has also met warm appreciation and approval. It is very desirable that the friendly relation of the two Bodies should be maintained and even made more intimate. We would, therefore, recommend that Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, President of the General Council, should be appointed visitor to attend the meeting of the General Conference, and that he be desired to convey to it the assurances of our fraternal interest it its work and prosperity, and to ask its sympathies with us in our work.

We would also return thanks for the generous offer of a free passage on the part of the Hamburg & American Packet Company.

We recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay the expenses of the visitor.

The invitations from Minneapolis and San Francisco, for the next Convention, we commend to the consideration of the Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

The delegate of the Texas Synod was excused, and Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldenke was appointed alternate of Rev. Dr. Spaeth to the General Conference in Germany.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Dr. Seip.

TWELFTH SESSION.

SEPTEMBER 13, 7 P. M.

This session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. C. F. Schanz, and the minutes were read and adopted.

The Committee on the minutes of the last Convention reported, and their report was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Minutes of last Convention.

Your Committee, who were entrusted to report on the minutes of the last Convention, respectfully submit that the various items to which it would have been our duty to direct attention, all but one, have been considered at this convention. On page 59 it is stated that the Committee on Relief Associations within the church be instructed to report at this meeting. Is the Committee ready to report?

EDMOND BELFOUR,
ENOCH SMITH,
G. C. F. HAAS,
S. S. BLYHOLDER,
T. H. DIEHL.

The Committee on Relief Associations was not ready to report.

The Committee on the Chicago Theological Seminary presented a report, which was read as follows:

The Theological Seminary at Chicago.

The undersigned, having been designated in connection with the President and Treasurer of the General Council, to appoint a Board of Directors to which certain property in Lake View, near Chicago, should be deeded to be held in trust for the General Council, and who "were authorized to make such arrangements working towards the opening of the Seminary as might be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council," respectfully reports:

That shortly after the adjournment of the Council he was laid aside by a severe illness, and for nearly four months was incapable of all severe labor. On his recovery in the spring, in order the better to

carry out the resolution of the Council, he entered upon an extended correspondence with a view to the selection of suitable persons for the proposed Board of Directors, who would not only agree to hold certain properties in trust for the General Council, but would also "work towards the opening of the Theological Seminary" at the earliest day possible. Encouraging progress was made in this direction. When the Swedish Augustana Synod, at its Convention in June, deemed it proper to assume a position towards the proposed Institution, which, for the time being, made all further progress inadvisable, until the protest which its delegates to this Convention were authorized to present, could be considered by this body, with the deliberation and candor which the interests of the cause of the education of our future ministry in the West demand.

W. A. Passavant.

The action of last year in regard to the proposed Seminary was reaffirmed, and the Committee continued.

The Special Committee on Sunday school work presented the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Your Committee would respectfully report that

They find in the report an enumeration of the following difficulties in the way of arranging their work. (1) Union schools; (2) differences of opinion concerning course of study, and methods of instruction; (3) the grading of schools.

Your Committee fails to see that the Standing Committee has met the purpose of its appointment in thus simply detailing to us the difficulties besetting the work without suggesting any plan for overcoming them, unless it be in reference to the possible co-operation of the General Council with the General Synod in preparing a series of lessons based upon the Church Year, towards which they have already taken steps; we would, therefore, recommend to this body the following action:

Resolved, 1. That in view of the Church's pressing need of prompt and definite action in the matter of introducing a uniform system of instruction into our Sunday school methods, the Standing Committee

on Sunday School Work be instructed and urged to prepare plans for such a system as soon as possible.

Resolved, 2. That we view with pleasure any prospect of co-operation with the General Synod in the important matter of preparing lessons taken from the Holy Scriptures and recognizing the Church Year, and we recommend that the General Council's Committee be authorized to unite with the Committee of the General Synod in such undertaking, provided that it be carried out in full accordance with the teachings and usages of the Lutheran Church.

Resolved, 3. That the work of this Committee is for the English speaking churches, and that Standing Committees—should such be needed—be appointed for the German and Swedish work.

Respectfully,

F. F. BUERMEYER,
F. A. KAHLER,
GEO. C. F. HAAS,
A. W. POTTEIGER,
SAMUEL J. BECK,
} *Com.*

The Committee on Woman's Work reported, and their report was received and adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Woman's Work.

The Committee on Woman,s Work would respectfully report that in reference to the recommendation of the Council, that the District Synods appoint Standing Committees, whose duty shall be to report from year to year the number of Women's Societies in the congregations, their contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, etc., very gratifying progress has been made.

The Pennsylvania Synod has appointed such Committee, which, among other things, has recommended and printed a Constitution and By-Laws for Societies in their midst.

The New York Synod appointed a Committee which should collect information on the associations existing in connection with our churches, and on what monies they raise for Synodical purposes.

The Ohio and Indiana Synods at their last meetings duly considered the matter and appointed committees.

The Pittsburgh and Augustana Synods have not appointed committees; but the former reports twenty new Mission Leagues during the year, in which women are actively engaged, while the latter is beginning to organize such societies with good results.

The Synods of Canada, Michigan, Texas and Iowa have taken no definite action, so far as we have been able to learn, but we are informed that Womens' Societies in the interest of Missions are not wanting among them.

The Committee would recommend,

I. That the Council recognize with deep gratitude to Almighty God the increased interest and activity of many of our women in the good work of the Church.

II. That we reaffirm the resolutions adopted in Chicago on this important subject.

III. That a Committee be appointed to gather statistics, as to the number of Societies, contributions, etc., within the bounds of the General Council, and report the same at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

C. Koerner,
R. F. Weidner,
L. M. Melander. } *Committee.*

The editors and managers of the *Kirchenblatt* offered the following communication :

We, the undersigned, editors, managers and owners of the *Kirchenblatt*, hereby express our willingness to transfer our paper and its subscription list, etc., to the General Council, or to its representative committee, as soon as it shall resolve and make arrangements to issue a German official religious paper, whose surplus revenue shall be devoted to the German Home Mission work.

F. Wischan,
J. J. Kuendig,
G. A. Hintenleitner,
F. Bauer,
F. W. Weiskotten.

Greenville, Pa., Sept. 12, 1887.

After several resolutions had been offered by Rev. Kunzman, and considerable discussion had taken place, the following was adopted on this subject :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to whom these resolutions shall be referred, who shall consider the feasibility of the publication of such a paper; and, if they conclude that it should be issued, that they shall prepare a plan for the accomplishment of this purpose and

submit it to the Trustees of the General Council; and that, if two-thirds of the Trustees, present at a regularly called meeting, shall approve, then the plan shall be carried out.

Rev. H. Grahn,
" Dr. W. J. Mann,
" " E. F. Moldehnke,
" F. Steinhauser,
Mr. A. G. Bendel,
" J. C. File,
" W. A. Schmitthenner,
} *Committee.*

Rev. Trabert offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Church Book Committee be instructed to prepare a Mission Service Book, containing a limited number of hymns in harmony with the Church Year, together with the full Morning Service, and such other matter as may be necessary for the use of our Missionaries in visiting new places and establishing Mission Points, and, if possible, furnish the book during the year.

It was also resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider and lay before the General Council, at its next meeting, the principles upon which apportionments for the General Mission work of the Council may be made. The President appointed the Chairman and Treasurers of the German and English Home Mission Committees as such Committee.

The Auditing Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Greenville, Pa., *September 10, 1887.*

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

We have carefully audited and proved the General Expense Fund account of William H. Staake, Treasurer of the General Council, and find the same correct.

We note, however, that the Treasurer has not yet received the receipt for the last item of the account, viz.:

1887.

Sept. 2.	Rev. C. A. Swenson, price of Record Book.....	$ 7 00
	Wages of Copyist.....	25 00
		$32 00

We are advised that the Record Book, with the English minutes properly copied, is in the possession of the General Council.

We have examined the "Foreign Mission Fund," "Missions-Bote," "Foreign Missionary" and "Artman Memorial" accounts and find that they have been certified by Jno.C.File and Revs. H. Grahn and F. Wischan, the Auditing Committee of the Foreign Mission Committee as having been audited, proved and found correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

A. G. Saeger,
A. W. Potteiger,
H. Vander Smissen, } *Com.*

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1886.			
Oct. 18.	To balance last year	$1,521	12
Dec. 4.	" cash, Craig, Finley & Co.		50
1887.	Overcharge on bill $60 41		
May 24.	" Premiums German S. S. book with music, J. G. Kohler, $37 50		
	T. H. Diehl 37 50		
		75	00
	Per. Jno. C. File, Treasurer Pub. Com.		
"	To cash Ministerium of Pennsylvania, per Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Treasurer	300	00
July 5.	To cash W. A. Schmitthenner, Treasurer N. Y. Ministerium	18	25
Sept. 6.	To cash balance of surplus German S. S. book, without music, of last report	150	00
"	" cash proceeds of sales of the balence of the edition reported	380	94
"	To cash proceeds Little Childrens' book	84	95
"	" Little Catechism	19	50
"	" Kirchenbuch	227	22
	Per Jno.C. File, Treasurer, Publication Committee.	$2,777	48
	Cr.	$ 999	95
	Balance to credit account	1,777	53
		$2,777	48

1886. *Cr.*

Oct. 29.	By cash, Sexton's expense at Chicago	$	10 00
Nov. 3.	" Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., appropriated by resolution of Convention in Chicago to Rev. Strucker, delegate of Texas Synod, as a contribution towards his traveling expenses $60 Expenses incurred in preparation German Church Book $200.	$	260 00

Nov. 26.	"	Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., expenses as a member of German Church Book Committee.....		75 00
Dec. 3.	"	Craig, Finley & Co., printing annual report Foreign Committee.....		60 41
1887.				
Jan. 8.	"	Rev. J. Nicum, German Recording secretary, mailing German minutes to foreign countries and other expenses.....		22 64
Feb. 3.	"	Germania Printing House, printing and postage etc.. German minutes		277 31
"	"	Printing and binding foreign mission reports.....		12 75
March 21.	"	Augustana Book Concern, printing, postage, etc., English minutes..		249 78
Sept. 2.	"	Rev. C.A. Swensson, price of Record book.....$ 7 00		
		Wages of copyist..... 25 00		
			$	32 00
			$	999 95

We have examined the above account and vouched the same. We find it correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

A. G. Saeger,
H. Vander Smissen, } *Com.*
A. W. Potteiger,

Greenville, Pa., September 10, 1887.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1886-1887. *Dr.*

Balance last year.....$	241 45	
Received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, monthly sums amounting to.....	2,246 49	
Received from Rev. Samuel Laird, D. D., Treasurer of Ministerian of Pennsylvania.....	2,671 71	
Erroneously entered in this account, instead of Artman Memorial account.....	700 00	
Mistake in interest on bank deposit.....	37 80	
Corrected interest on bank deposit.....	28 58	
Various contributions.....	3,140 85	
		$9,066 88
Overdrawn, exclusive of $1,000, still due to Mrs. A. Spaeth		439 42
		$9,506 20

Cr.

Mrs. A. Spaeth, interest on loan of $2,000		$ 116 00
Lizzie V. Artman, on account of indebtedness		60 00
Belle Carre on Rev. Dietrich's account		30 00
C. P. Dietrich on Rev. Dietrich's account		160 00
Books, freight, postage, type, stationary, &c		82 32
Rev. C. G. Fischer, salary		75 00
Rev. A. H. Walters, on Rev. McCready's account		300 00
Missionary Review		12 00
M. Artman, on Rev. Schmidt's account		20 00
Rev. Bomberger, on Rev. Dietrich's account		5 00
Brown Bros. & Co. Drafts		
Wm. Groenning, salary,		875 00
Rev. McCready, salary		400 00
Rev. H. C. Schmid, salary		580 00
Rev. J. K. Poulsen, salary		525 00
Marie Anderson, for Rev. Poulsen's children		425 00
Rev. F. S. Dietrich, salary	$ 538 18	
" " general expenses of the Mission	4,326 00	
		4,864 18
Ida Bleshoy, for Rev. Schmid's children		250 00
Erroneously entered in this account, being transfers to Artman Memorial Account, General Expense Fund, incorrect calculation of interest by bank, &c,		737 80
		$9,506 30

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

The above account has been examined and found correct in all its parts, both as to items of charge and discharge, &c.

Philadelphia, September 6, 1887.

[Signed,] JNO. C. FILE, H. GRAHN, F. WISCHAN. } *Committee.*

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

1886-1887. *Dr.*

To cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer		$ 667 46
Entered to this account instead of Foreign Mission account		1 50
		$ 668 96
Overdrawn		71 18
		$ 740 14

1886-1887. *Cr.*

By cash, Craig, Finley & Co., printing 12 Nos. Foreign Missionary, and postage	$ 735	64
Charged to Foreign Mission account	1	50
By cash, Craig, Finley & Co., postal cards	3	00
		$ 740 14

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

The above account has been examined and found correct in all its items, both as to the charges and discharges thereof.

Philadelphia, September 6, 1887.

[Signed,] JNO. C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN. } *Committee.*

MISSIONS BOTE.

1886-1887. *Dr.*

To cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer	$2,433	98
" " from other sources	26	25
		$2,460 23

1886-1887 *Cr.*

By cash, W. E. Hering, 11 Nos. Missions Bote	$ 649	00
" " " paper	144	00
" " " postage to subscribers	108	31
" " Dahler, Madge & Chapman, paper	520	26
" " binding	5	00
" " electrotypes	2	40
		$1,428 97
Balance		1,031 26
		$2,460 23

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

The above account has been examined and found correct in all its parts, both as to items of charge and discharge, &c.

Philadelphia, September, 6, 1887.

[Signed,] JNO. C. FILE,
H. GRAHN,
F. WISCHAN. } *Committee.*

ARTMAN MEMORIAL ACCOUNT.

1885. *Dr.*

August 25, To cash contributions of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Schaeffer	$50 00		
" " Mrs. K. E. Schaeffer	10 00		
		60 00	
" " Artman Memorial donation, Rev. Dr. Laird		25 00	
August 3, The Trustees of the Y. M. S., of Philadelphia, Pa, for the Horace G. Artman Memorial		200 00	
August 31, 1887, Rev. Dr. Samuel Laird, Treasurer St. Mark's S. S., for Artman Memorial	$50 00		
" " " St. Mark's Church	50 00		
		100 00	
			$ 390 00

1887. *Cr.*

By cash, Rev. F. S. Dietrich, see order No. 609.	$ 90 00	
August 19, Brown Bros. & Co., Rev. F. S. Dietrich, for house in Dowlais Warum	200 00	
		$ 290 00
Balance		100 00
		$ 390 00

The above account has been examined and found correct in all its parts, both as to items of charge and discharge.

Philadelphia, September 6, 1887.

[Signed,] Jno. C. File,
H. Grahn,
F. Wischan,
} *Committee.*

St. John's Church, Minneapolis, Minn., was chosen as the place, and the second Thursday in September, 1888, as the time of the next Convention.

The Secretaries were authorized to publish as many copies of the minutes as may be necessary.

The pastor *loci* was requested to thank the congregation of the Holy Trinity, in the name of this Council, for the kind hospitalities extended to the delegates at this Convention.

The thanks of the body were also tendered to Rev. Kemerer for the fidelity with which he reported the proceedings to the press, and to the press and Railroad Companies for valuable favors.

The minutes of this session were read and approved, after which the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

The Convention closed with the Litany and Hymn 274 in the Church Book.

G. W. MECHLING,
English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Thursday morning, September 8. Rev. A. Spaeth, President of the Council, preached the Opening Sermon.

Friday evening. Addresses were delivered on Home Missions, by Revs. F. Schanz, F. A. Kaehler, Prof. O. Olsson and J. C. Kunzman.

Sunday, September 11. Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D. ,preached in the morning, Rev. S. Fritschel, D. D., in German at 3 P. M., and Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass at 7½ P. M.

Monday evening, September 12. Rev. B. M. Schmucker D. D., delivered an address on Foreign Missions.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF MISSIONS AND MISSION CONGREGATIONS IN THE GENERAL COUNCIL. (*a*)

	No. of Miss'ns.	No. of Cong's.	Amount Expended.
General Council, Eng. & German Gen. Com.	18	18	$10,510.10
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	31	42	6,403.00
Ministerium of New York	9	9	555.00
Pittsburg Synod	23	40	5,200.00
District Synod of Ohio	4	12	783.37
Synod of Michigan	No report.		
Scandinavian Augustana Synod(*b*)	19	19	12,200.93
Synod of Canada	4	12	1,487.05
Synod of Texas(*c*)	11	18	316.35
Synod of Indiana	No report.		
	119	170	$36,455,80

(*a*) This statement is necessarily imperfect, because estimates could be obtained only from some Synods, not from all.

(*b*) Covers the work of the General Committee only, the work of Conferences not being reported.

(*c*) Estimates taken from separate items, not the Synod's minutes.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

SYNODS.	Founded.	Pastors.	Churches.	Members.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Church Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools	Teachers.	Scholars.	Collections for Church Purposes.	TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.	SECRETARIES.
1. Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	251	417	95,046	8693	7853	14	29	1350	491	7567	110,830	$534,213.56	May 24, 1888, Lancaster, Pa.	Rev. J. W. Earley, Millersville, Pa. Rev. F. Friedenstruth, Mauch Chunk, Pa.
2. Ministerium of New York..	1787	94	101	29,924	4634	1889	38	49	2496	104	1876	18,705	87,434.12	Thurs. fol'ing 1st Sun. aft. Trinity, Rondont, N. Y.	Not Reported.
3. Synod of Pittsburgh.....	1845	99	190	18,000	1583	1612	Not Reported.			a 148	a 1067	a 10,658	50,875.15	Not Reported.	Rev. J, Q. Waters, Chartiers, Pa.
4. Synod of Texas	1851	35	28	a 7,277	.....	.....	a 12	a 15	a 350	a 10	a 65	a 450	.....	Not Reported.	Not Reported.
5. District Synod of Ohio, b...	1857	31	62	8,309	480	742	1	Not Rep'd		54	392	4,761	31,596.49	May 30, 1888, Lewisburg, O.	Rev. J. F. Beates, Lancaster, O.
6. Scand. Augustana Synod...	1860	244	507	115,971	4157	2840	200	266	10,774	403	1951	20,213	425,581.59	June 14, 1888, Galesburg, Ill.	Rev. N. Forsander, Hepburn, Iowa.
7. Michigan Synod	1860	32	64	8,000	897	394	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	Not Reported.	Rev. K. Federer, Saline, Mich.
8. Synod of Canada.....	1861	26	60	5,874	a	a	a	a	a	52	220	2,930	11,602 59	May 23, 1888, Zurich, Ont.	Rev. E. M. Genzmer, Toronto, Can.
9. Synod of Indiana.....	1871	17	33	2,506	200	318	....	....	.....	a 25	176	2,012	15,649.00	Thurs. before Trinity, 1888, Rochester, Ind.	Rev. J. D. Roth, Decatur, Ill.
		829	1462	290,907	20,644	15,648	265	359	14,970	1234	13,314	170,559	$1,156,952.55		
10. German Synod of Iowa.. ..	1854	No Report this year, reported in 1886; 228 Pastors; 355 Churches; 30,500 Members.													
11. Norw. Augustana Synod ...	1860	No Report this year, reported in 1886; 29 Pastors; 95 Churches; 6,000 Members.													

(a) From Report of 1886; no Report this year.

(b) For nine months.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

I. Theological Seminaries :

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

JULY, 1886, TO JUNE, 1887.

Presented to the General Council at its Meeting at Greenville, Pennsylvania, September, 1887.

All our Missionaries have been at work in the field during the past year. Mr. Schmidt, the longest in our service, has resided at Rajahmundry and had charge of the congregation there and of the District North-eastward, as well as the supervision of the Velpur District, of which Rev. N. Paulus has immediate charge. Rev. I. K. Poulsen has continued in charge of the Samulcotta District, and resided near that place. Rev. F. S. Dietrich has resided at Rajahmundry, but has had charge of Dowlaishwaram, four miles distant, and has also had the supervision of the Jagurupad District, in charge of Rev. T. Joseph. Rev. F. J. MacCready has had charge of the Tallupudi District, and since the Mission House at that place has been completed he has occupied it. Rev. Wm. Grœnning has had charge of the Mission Schools at Rajahmundry. Of the labors of these Missionaries during the year this Report will give an account. We present the reports of the several Missionaries, beginning at the centre of the Mission at Rajahmundry. After these accounts of the General Mission Work, the several departments of the Mission Schools will have their story told.

Annual Reports.

Rajahmundry Town and District, and Velpur District.

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July to December, 1886.

RAJAHMUNDRY.

During the last six months fifteen persons have been baptized, and six have died. The number of baptized Christians is 203, of whom 92 are communicants.

The services have been held regularly and the attendance has been fairly good. I preached on Sundays in the morning on the Gospel, and P. V. Ratnam in the evening, on the Epistle of the day. The Sunday collections amounted to Rs. 34, and the annual subscriptions to Rs. 31, which has been

resolved by the Panchayet to be used for the Inn. The Panchayet, or Church Council, has held regular meetings. The Chattram, or Inn, was given over to the Rajahmundry Congregation by the Conference last year, and the Panchayet had also accepted the charge of the same. But want of funds has hindered the completion of the building.

The Church Council also resolved that weekly prayer-meetings should be held in the houses of such Christians as desire it. Sickness and mortality has been unusually great this year, probably in consequence of the high floods, which also caused some damage to Mission property.

Our Judge, L. Lister, Esq., provided this year, again, the means for the Christians' Christmas dinner on Dec. 27. Of late the dinner had been in the Caste Girls' School; but as there was not sufficient room for so many, and several had to sit down outside, it was resolved to have the dinner this year in the open air under the mango trees and a roof of palm leaves. All sat down on the grass, and after a few songs and prayer enjoyed the spicy and well prepared dinner.

We did not have our usual celebration of the Lord's Supper at Christmas. Bro. Grœnning and I agreed, as our Conference opens with Holy Communion only a few days later, to join in with our Congregation, and we did so and 166 persons partook of the Lord's Supper.

North-east District.

It may be as well to call this the Korekonda District, because the famous temple at that place gathers many thousands of people at the annual festival and makes it a natural centre. For this reason I have also selected this place as the abode of the teacher, B. John. There are lying a cluster of villages close together, and it is therefore also a natural centre for Mission work. It is true, there are no Christians as yet, and it may seem to be risky to spend money on a house, as we have so very little of it. We might therefore postpone Mission operations in this District until such time as our Church at home will be able to provide the means, and when we shall have more and better prepared teachers. But as it becomes a serious question whether we or the Canadian Baptists (who built a larger house some distance farther on) shall be the first to get a firm footing in this District, we have taken steps to make Korekonda a centre for our operations there, and I hope that the supporters of B. John, Trinity Sunday-school at Reading, Pa., will be able to raise an extra $50 for this purpose.

It has caused considerable delay and trouble to get a piece of land. We succeeded at last in buying secretly somewhat more than half an acre for Rs. 40. It is a very suitable place. But, as soon as the sale became known, the villagers objected, and made the former owner feel their wrath. They brought a charge against him, that he had killed a man, who had left the village about that time and had died in another place.

I went up there and took formal charge of the land, and pitched our tent there. The police succeeded also in getting evidence, that the man had been seen alive several days after the alleged murder should have taken

place. As the body had been burnt without any post-mortem examination, there was no direct evidence as to how he had died.

As I had no other helper, B. John, the teacher appointed for that place, has been a traveling preacher during this year. As soon as a house has been built, he will take up his abode there and begin a school, for which the people seem very desirous.

Beyond the above no visible progress can be reported. Only twelve is the number of baptized Christians in that District, beside B. John, who still resides in Rajahmundry with his family.

Velpur District.

This field is the "go-a-head" part of our Mission in our "days of small things." About Rs. 250 have been subscribed by the Christians towards the new church, and if the money comes in as readily as it has been subscribed, we may have some hope to see the plan realized.

Whilst the other parts of our Mission field have 25 and less baptized Christians to each teacher, this field has over 50, and the increase goes on steadily in spite of the great want of laborers. There are many who wish to enter into Mission employ, but alas, very few of them are found fit for the work, and satisfy hardly the smallest expectations as to scriptural knowledge and gifts for teaching. Our Mission work constantly reminds us of Luther's words, that we must plow with asses until we get horses.

I have only been out seven days on a Mission tour since July. The heavy rains prevented me to some extent—but especially building work. The old Mission house needed extensive repairs before I went home, and Bro. Artman always talked about doing it. But when I returned to India it had not been done. Before the Grœnnings could enter in, it had to be done. I got at that first, but it became a more tedious and expensive job than I expected. Next I had to take the boat in hand. It was in a very bad condition, and I was sometimes almost in despair about it. More than a dozen of ribs were broken and many planks in the hull had to be removed, and it is not quite finished as yet. Want of funds prevented us from engaging experienced workmen and I had to do much with my own hands, and God gave strength to do so. It is specially gratifying to see that most of the work was done by Native Christians, who thus are raised by honest labor, whereas they generally are considered by the Caste people as occupying the lowest step of the Indian community. Every step onward to civilization and evangelization is a small victory won. But, before we can conquer India for Jesus, our Church needs more Missionaries and also more Mission Houses and other necessities of life for her messengers, and that means an increase of contributions, and that again may mean personal sacrifices, if our Telugu Mission shall prosper.

January to June, 1887.

After a time of financial depression it is perhaps a good thing to be able to report that the work in general has not gone back, but that some progress is visible. For the first three months I was only able to pay few Mission

Agents. Rev. N. Paulus and other Mission Agents lost much time by coming and waiting for money, and P. Ratnam, the head master of the Caste Girls' School, thought it even best to resign his post and seek Government employment. Our Mission Agents depend entirely on the Mission for support and in times of want cannot get help from their heathen relatives and former friends. Their conversion to Christianity cuts off from them every act of sympathy and benevolence, such as heathen Hindus would show to heathen friends.

As soon as funds arrived from America, in April, our prospects improved greatly, and some time later Ratnam withdrew his resignation and desired to return to his post. At the end of the Summer holidays he resumed his work again, but the number of scholars had dwindled down considerably during his absence, as we had no other Christian teacher to fill his place. Some of the best girls have gone to the Maha Rajah's School. We cannot expect the school to come to its former state again at once, and perhaps not very soon.

Soon after our Annual Conference I made a tour all over the Velpur District. This is a promising field and has a good many village congregations. I am anxious that the Christians there should make an attempt towards self-support of the Church. They readily subscribed for a church building, but the floods destroyed their crops and their subscriptions remain thus far a dead letter. I have, up to date, received from the Native Christians only one rupee from the teacher in Tallapudi, collected by him for that Church. Still we are hopeful and struggle on against the stream.

As soon as I came home from the Velpur District I had to go to Guntur to help the General Synod to settle some difficulties in their Mission, as desired by our Home Committee. This journey took me almost a month, from March 10th to April 7th. On the way to Guntur the canal ran dry, and the boat stuck in the mud, so that the passengers had to leave it there. I was a great deal exposed to the sun before I could reach Guntur, and soon became so ill that I had to call in the doctor. However, I was hardly a day entirely disabled for work.

The Guntur Mission is in a very prosperous state. They have not accomplished very much higher things than our Mission, only everything much more numerous and in greater quantity. It is a real pleasure to see the crowded Church on Sundays, and the High School makes even a greater show. The students receive a good deal of Christian instruction, which Mr. Wolff, the Principal, is able to give, as the college does not stand under Government rules. But the consequence is that it costs the Mission a good round sum of money every year and the college will cost even more for some years to come, as they want to have an appropriate building, which they need greatly. But the General Synod seems to be up to their mark, and especially the Women Societies raise much money.

The Zenana Mission is therefore also a very powerful agency. Miss Dryden had just finished a school building, the like of which many a Missionary longs to have for a meeting house, and does not obtain. The Hospital

of Miss Dr. Kugler surpasses even the Government Hospitals in regard to neatness. The fine bottles with golden labels, make the drugs look very tempting.

The roomy printing establishment adds not a little to the agency of the General Synod's Mission concentrated at Guntur.

But though this concentration at one station evidently is the strength of the Mission, it forms, also, its weak part. The agency concentrated at Guntur, would be ample to supply several Mission stations, and the money expended by the General Synod on their establishment at that one place would suffice for several stations. I believe that the General Council has never spent nearly as much for their different Mission stations together as the General Synod has spent on the town of Guntur alone.

I also think that a little more attention might be given to Lutheran doctrine and practice, as it is a Lutheran Mission. The entire absence of Luther's Catechism (only to name one thing) I can only consider as a drawback in this Mission. But otherwise everything looks very prosperous.

After my return from Guntur, I visited some villages in the Korekonda District. The school building at Korekonda was almost finished, and B. John has removed there since then and opened a school. Only five or six children attend, but we can expect more. The Baptists are working hard in this District, and their Missionaries do their best to get ahead of us. They talk about erecting fine buildings, and a native pastor is already stationed a little to the North of Korekonda. I am anxious to occupy one more village ere long to occupy the highroad. Unless that is done we will have endless trouble with the Baptists afterwards, because though they do not acknowledge another Mission's right of occupied territory, they always argue that nobody ought to come where they have put their foot. Everybody knows that we itinerated in these parts long before ever the name of Canadian Baptists was known here. It is true there is room enough for them and us, but not when they aim at bewildering our people with their arguments about sprinkling and dipping, and even go so far as to give to baptism a name which means cheating and ruining as well as dipping. Oh, how we feel it, that they have enough men and money to carry out their proselyting schemes, whilst our Church is too poor to carry on the work already in hand. We have seen already about a dozen Canadian Baptist Missionaries in this field, and we hear that a fresh supply of half a dozen more is expected shortly, compared with which the number of the General Council's Missionaries is very insignificant. Oh, that our Church would rise to greater vigor.

The statistics for Rajahmundry are : baptized persons, 204 ; communicants, 94.

In the Korekonda District : 18 baptized, including the teacher, B. John, and his family.

On Easter Sunday, three boys and one girl were confirmed in Rajahmundry, 68 persons partook of the Lord's Supper, and 60 on Whitsunday. Only one child was baptized during this half year. Two women died, one of whom was Rev. N. Paulus' wife.

She had been ailing for some time, but seemed to get better, when dysentery set in and carried her off. Rev. Paulus was on a tour, when he felt uneasy about her without receiving any information. He came to Rajahmundry just in time to be with her the last few days. Both of her sons were absent, the one in Talor and the other in Madras, which she seemed to feel very much. She had several times said that she expected to die, and she seemed to be prepared. When her husband asked her if she could rely on Jesus, she said: "On Him I have relied ever since my conversion." They lived unusually happy together. She was one of old Mrs. Grœnning's boarding girls, and spoke of her always with great affection.

During this half year the repairs of the Mission Boat were finished. I intended to paint her during the hot weather, but she was in use all the time. The cabins are now considerably higher, so that our tall Missionaries need no longer knock their heads.

The breach in the Godavery embankment has also been repaired, and it will not likely give way again even in high freshets, as the whole wall has been raised also.

H. C. Schmidt.

Velpur District.—Native Pastor, Rev. N. Paulus.

This District is under the oversight of Rev. H. C. Schmidt, and has already been mentioned in his report. Rev. Paulus, the pastor, has sent us his diary for the year, showing abundant labors and no little prosperity in the Lord's work. The closing summary of his report is here given, and the statistics for the year:

I will give a short account of the Mission work which occurred in Velpur District in the year 1886. Thanks and glory be to the Triune God who dwells in heaven. By the grace of our Heavenly Father, I and my family, and also the small flock which the Lord favored me, including the helpers and teachers, are doing well. The people who are engaged in the Mission work are discharging (generally) their duties well. Somewhat fewer persons than last year have joined the Lord's congregation by holy baptism. By traveling frequently as often as I could to the nearest villages, and to the enquiring villages, and also to the Christian villages, etc., many people are awakening in the new villages from heathenism by hearing the Gospel trumpet. Generally the light is shining radiantly, and the darkness is breaking away. Many more people have joined to Holy Communion than last year. Many more marriages have taken place than last year. Several people are sleeping in the Lord. Enmity against religion is disappearing. There are several enquiring villages. Several laborers are also needed. As there were plagues during the whole year, such as small-pox, and cholera, as well as constant rains, I was prevented a great deal from itinerating. I expect a great deal for the extension of our Lord's cause at least in the next year.

Christmas was observed on the 24th of December night as usual. A small tree, which was decorated curiously and lighted with small lights, was set up

in the centre of our Church. On that occasion a small crowd of people assembled about the tree, and recited with much pleasure, and sang two songs from Dawson's Telugu Hymn Book, with native tunes, and afterward I explained the several different names of the Saviour Jesus, and also a small prayer was offered. And then clothes were presented to the children, as well as sweetmeats and fruits, etc., to old and young, men and women. And at last a song was sung concerning the Lord's blessing, and also ended with The Lord's Prayer and grace. On the 25th, the service was held as usual at 8 A. M., and the Lord's Supper was administered to twenty-one members only, as the people were unable to attend, owing to the harvest and cholera, etc. We were rejoiced by faith and love, remembering the Lord's promise "where there are two or three in my name, there am I in the midst." About forty people were provided with meals. Glory be to the God who has taken care of us, and who is taking care of us now, and who shall take care of us in the future.

January to June, 1887.

I have itinerated during the last six months as best I could, though I underwent many troubles, owing to my wife's lingering sickness and subsequently her death. The last six months I found everywhere interesting, as people have been anxious to embrace Christianity by way of getting schools introduced into their villages. But we have no proper means to supply them with as many teachers as they require. I hope the Lord of the harvest will soon provide a sufficient number of laborers to fill up His field. The poor classes are more interested with the Gospel method of salvation than the rich, learned and higher classes. The higher classes seem to be desirous of making friendship with the ministers, so far as to get some secular advantage.

Statistics.

Baptisms, 1886	125
" " July–December	60
" 1887, Jan.–June	84
Communicants, June, 1887	374
Schools	21
Teachers	20
Scholars, boys, 161 ; girls, 72	233
Evangelists	3
Enquiring Villages	12
Marriages, 1886	17
" January–June, 1887	9
Deaths, 1886	25
" 1887	8
Sunday Collections, 1886	Rs. 18.2
Monthly Subscriptions, 1886	" 42.7
Communion offerings, 1886	" 2.8
School Fees	" 6.6
Subscriptions for Church at Bhimavaram	" 253.8

N. Paulus.

Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad Districts.

Missionary in Charge, Rev. F. S. Dietrich.

Report, July 1, 1886–January 1, 1887.

Rajahmundry, January 7th, 1887.

I am thankful to be able to report that the work under my supervision, for the last six months, has prospered beyond my expectation. The inundation of the Godavery caused a great deal of sickness and suffering, but not one-half what had been anticipated, and at the same time had its good effect as all such visitations have. I think we too often do not put enough trust in our gracious Father, and thus prevent many a blessing.

During these six months I have traveled 45 days, which enabled me to visit my entire District thoroughly, and some villages twice and thrice. In some villages there is not that earnest spirit manifested we would like to see. The question in my mind was, what is to be done? My native pastor thought I should not be strict, or else some might join the Baptists. Mildness had been used until its power was spent. I informed them in an earnest manner what *must* be done, and it had its good effect. Ten or twelve have been baptized since in that village. From my traveling during the past year, I have noticed that the people are very much addicted to the habit of using tobacco and the drinking of native brandy, or toddy, the juice of the palmyra tree. Father, mother and babe all smoke, but *no* chewing. *These* evils, and the very indifferent keeping of the Sabbath-day, are things we have to contend against. It is true, we can see a great difference between the heathens and the Christians, and also progress in the extirpation of those evils and practices brought over by the Christians from heathenism. We must not expect too much from these uneducated men just broken loose from heathen darkness. It requires time and patience. The next generation will, no doubt, be free from many of these evils. Even St. Paul gives us an example when he calls these new converts to Christianity, "babes," and that they must be fed like infants, and borne, as it were, on our bosoms. God's grace is sufficient. Let our prayers continually go up for them, so that strength and firmness will soon come.

I have made it a specialty to visit and examine every school in my District carefully, so that I might note the progress and the competency of the teachers. Excepting the Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad schools, I cannot report favorably. The children are few in number, irregular in attendance, and carelessly taught. The teachers are entirely too indifferent in their work. I must say I have some earnest and good and able men, but the children do not do *their* duty. Some of the native teachers I would dismiss if I had men to take their places. They are so fond of going after their *own* work and business. This evil is not only in *my* District, but over the whole Mission. We Missionaries are doing all we can to teach them how wrong it is and that it must not be done. I am anxiously looking forward to the time when we can obtain the men who are now being trained under a European

teacher, Rev. Grœnning. This addition to our Mission was of great importance, and we expect the result to be very favorable.

The Jagurupad school, as usual, has passed the best examination. It is a pleasure to come there and see the progress they are making. They are not what we would expect from similar children at home. They study reading, writing, arithmetic, catechism, Bible stories, hymns and a few minor branches. The school numbers about 20 pupils. This congregation has also introduced, now, the full Liturgical Service, the first among all the congregations not directly under the Missionary.

The Dowlaishwaram schools are three in number. Our boys' school and girls' school *in* Dowlaishwaram, and our boys' school just *outside* the town. There are now about 40 girls and 50 boys ready in these schools. The boys' school in Dowlaishwaram is the most advanced, and the teacher the ablest. I put them under Government grant, as it does not in any way interfere with our Christian subjects, and much improves the schools. The schools are monthly visited by a school inspector, and this keeps the teachers at work. The grant received this year was sufficient to pay off the expenses of the three schools for two months. As Mr. Van Stavern paid the head teacher for the year 1885, this grant went to him. All goes on well; I expect more for 1886.

The congregation at Dowlaishwaram is progressing slowly. When I look back two years and see the *few*, six or eight, who came then, and then look at the crowded room now, I feel very thankful to our heavenly Father for blessing the work so much over which He has appointed us as stewards. May He give us abundant grace to do it according to His will. As I reported in my last report, there were some disturbances made in the congregation by a few, who, on account of their misbehavior had been, so to say, excommunicated. They thought to break up the congregation, and did all they could to cause enmities among the members and to drag them over to the Baptists. They soon found out, however, that it was not the easy task they had thought it to be, and so all but four soon repented of their folly, and were received again. Those four continued for a few months, when one of the ring-leaders and two others came and asked for pardon, and to be re-admitted into the congregation. One of these, whom I really did not feel like taking back at present, seemed to have been left out providentially. When they asked me to be re-admitted, I said they should come on Christmas eve, when the entire congregation would assemble to prepare for communion on Christmas Day. They came, and I said if they would confess with their own lips that by doing as they had done, they had greatly sinned against God, and done great wrong to the congregation, I would give it to the congregation to receive them. One was at once ready. The second could not quite understand that it was such a great evil, but after a little explanation he was ready to submit. The third came late, and as his walk was not a proper one, I passed him by. The fourth has gone away. When I proposed to the congregation to re-admit these two members, they all agreed, and then we had a prayer and separated. On the following morning we had the largest com-

munion we had yet in Dowlaishwaram. There are 29 communicants and 10 children ; 22 partook of the Lord's Supper.

During the last six months I had 21 baptisms, 10 at Dowlaishwaram and 11 at Jagurupad. We had no deaths, and no marriages. The congregational contributions during the year were, 9 Rs. 1 An. 9 Pi.

The house has been improved by running a wall so as to have two rooms instead of one to assemble in to worship. We had also a Christmas tree. The children were in great joy over the tree. I could rejoice with them, because there were many together, Christians, heathens, chuckler and caste children, all in one room anxiously awaiting their gifts. They sang very well a few appropriate hymns.

In regard to the land for my house, I have to report the following : I have procured 1½ acres of Government land at a rent of 5Rs. a year. I have full legal documents for it. It is about arranged to draw up the documents for 3½ acres more, which I expect to buy. I have to pay 500 rupees, that is, at the present rate of exchange about $175. The plan of the house is also drawn up and ready to be forwarded. The estimate has not yet been made. It will be about $1700. These shall be forwarded soon to the committee, and as soon as the order is given, I shall commence work. I shall be very glad when I once have my own house. Ever since I have been here I have not had a home which I could call my own, and arrange it according to my own taste. I shall be patient, however, seeing the trouble the committee has. This I would ask, that before any other grants for buildings are given, that mine be given. It is inconvenient to be up and down all the time. As you will notice, some doors and windows have been procured already, because they are very cheap. That I may have my house as soon as possible, and dwell among my people, is what I pray for. May God direct us in this work, and bless His Church here and in all heathen lands.

January–June, 1887.

Rajahmundry, July 4th, 1887.

It is with a grateful heart toward our heavenly Father that I seat myself once more to write out another semi-annual report, and that during the past half year He has preserved me, and with one exception, also all my assistants in good health and strength, and thus enabled us to perform our duties with happier hearts and minds than in any previous half year. The work has been blessed. We might desire a more rapid progress, but we can not understand all. For us it is to work and hope, feeling confident that the Lord will not withhold His blessing. The Missionary must always expect that around a life like his various kinds of troubles cluster. This is that warfare of which the Apostle of old speaks. We can, however, be thankful that our trials are so few in comparison with those of some who are called into fields like South Africa where even a martyr's crown awaits them. Although we are not compelled to face such trials, still there are many of those petty annoyances which cause a great deal of inconvenience and hindrances.

During the last half year I traveled sixty (60) days. Thirty-one of these days were spent in a portion of my District where I have no teachers as yet. This portion of my District lies near the sea and is healthy. The people are well to do. The low-castes are very fanatical. I visited about 50 or 60 villages, and preached in all undisturbed except two. In one of these, in defiance of bitter opposition by some Razulus, we were nevertheless able to tell them of their error and invited them to believe in Christ. The other village is chiefly inhabited by Brahmins who are so fanatical that they do all they can to prevent Europeans or Christians from passing through the main street of their village. Knowing this, I did not attempt to trouble them, but went and preached to the others. During such tours we cannot expect otherwise than to meet here and there those babblers who try to give a person as much annoyance as lies in their power. On this tour I was astonished not to meet more. It may perhaps be that we who preach learn more *how* to present the word to the people, so as to be more agreeable to their weak minds. As is always the case, in most villages they want schools. At present we cannot comply with this request, as we have not teachers enough for our Christian villages.

I always enjoy such tours. Were it not for the many little troubles incident to such travels, I would prefer it by far to a stationary life. As it is, however, we have to stand and bargain and dispute for a passage on a boat, for a whole hour in the hot sun. At another time a person may be obliged to lie over a day or more because he cannot procure coolies. To these may be added bad water, and not be able to procure proper food, etc. These may seem trifles but are of considerable weight in a country where a person is not able to run to a store or hotel to procure what he would like to have, or even to obtain a house to shelter him from the hot sun or the rain. A person arrives, perhaps, at midnight at a place. He must then put up his tent or sleep under the open sky. Lately something like this happened to me, and to add to the difficulties, my cook came at about 9 A. M., to tell me that he could not obtain anything to prepare a meal. I asked him if he had no rice. He replied that there was rice and a bit of meat. I said that will also make a meal. I need not tell that my table expenses were limited that day. In this country, a person does not gain anything by living on such scanty fare, because he puts both health and strength at jeopardy. To keep in good health a person must be cautious in using good filtered water and good wholesome food. To be negligent in these is usually the cause of a quick return to the station.

Owing to the new arrangement of Rev. Grœnning to secure a longer course for the boys in the boarding school, no teachers have been sent out during this half year. On account of this I could not establish any new schools. I erected three new school buildings which have been referred to in a former report. Each one cost about 20 Rs.

My District lost one teacher by death. This one in addition to the one I gave to Rev. Grœnning, who was in great need of a teacher, vacated two schools. As we can expect good teachers now, I gladly await the time when

I can fill their places with more qualified ones. There are very few really qualified teachers in my District at present, In order to improve them, I arrange that every month they must spend one day with the native pastor to recite what they studied during the month. Every year they must remain for two weeks or a month to take a regular course under the native pastor in such branches as may seem most necessary. This year they had Bible History from the beginning of Genesis to the end of the 1st Book of Samuel; all of Luther's Smaller Catechism, 2 Chapters of Evidences of Christianity, (A Telugu book), and then Reading, Writing and Arithmetic, etc. During the year they must read a certain quantity in books prescribed by me. I find that this has a good influence. They are making progress. The better ones strive to be first, and the others are ashamed of their ignorance, and consequently struggle to improve themselves. It creates an emulation which always tends to progress if properly directed.

At Dowlaishwaram I have now procured the ground for a bungalow site of which I spoke in my last report. It cost a little more than expected, but it is, nevertheless, cheap. I had to pay 600 Rs. for 4½ acres, and 8 Rs. for the papers (Stamps) and registration. Considering that it is in a village, and good farming land, it is not too much. It is about $45 an acre, and what can be got for that? This land with the Government land which I procured amounts now to 6 acres. This makes a nice compound and gives plenty of room in case the natives should build near the place, which is not likely to be the case, but still we cannot tell what changes may take place. It is always best to look a little ahead.

The school arrangements at Dowlaishwaram is the same as the last half year and the strength of the schools likewise, As one of the teachers has rather more work than he can attend to, I gave him a little assistance by adding the service of another for about two hours a day. This man receives 3 Rs. a month, and has to teach the boys in English. This is an improvement in the school.

We have procured an organ for the congregation. This is a nice addition. Every one is glad. We have now the full Liturgical Service. We enjoyed this for the first time when we celebrated the Lord's Supper on the 3d Sunday after Trinity. As the children had learned the service before-hand, they sang well. You can scarcely imagine how my heart rejoiced as the sound of the organ, accompanied by the voices of the members of the congregation, broke forth for the first time in our little chapel. It is an Estey organ. I procured it cheap because it was in a very bad condition. A week's hard work transformed it into a new instrument. It does not cost the Mission anything; you will notice in the accounts that I put 20 Rs. toward it which I had received as a marriage fee with the request that it should be used for the congregation in Dowlaishwaram, and so I thought it to be proper to give it toward the organ.

During the last six months I baptized 8 persons in Dowlaishwaram, and 1 in another village. One girl was confirmed. The Lord's Supper was celebrated twice, and each time 21 persons partook. There were two marriages, one

European and the other native. Four deaths occurred. The congregational contributions during the six months amount to 6 Rs. 3 An. 5 Pi.

I am thankful that I can say that the little flock at Dowlaishwaram is slowly increasing in number, and growing in grace. Much is needed yet until it is what we would like to have it, but much has been gained already. By the grace of our Lord, whose all these souls are, fruit will yet be reaped in this place. May the Lord grant it.

Number.	Name of Village.	Name of Teacher.	Christian		Heathen.		Total of Children.
			Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	
1	Dowlaishwaram Boys' School.	P. V. Isaac.	7	.....	22	.....	29
2	Dowlaishwaram Girls' School.	N. Annuna.	.....	8	.....	14	22
3	Gattu School.	D. Lazarus.	.....	.....	22	3	25
	Total	.....	7	8	44	17	76

Jagurupad District.—Rev. T. Joseph, Native Pastor.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Christians.	No. Communicants.	No. Communed.	Christian Children.	No. Schools.	No. School Child'n.	Christian		Heathen.	
									Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
1	Jagurupad.	T. Hanna Margaret.....	143	83	83	60	1	27	12	13	1	1
2	Muramunda.	J. Martha & P. Velugu....	68	44	30	24	1	12	1	7	.....	4
3	Yadithy.....	" "	5	3	3	2	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
4	Yadi. Savaram...	" "	3	2	.....	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
5	Yalakatodu	" "	2	2	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
6	Madarayudu Palem	V. Ratnam...	1	1	.....	.....	1	10	7	3	.....	...
7	Kadiyapu Lauka	" "	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
8	Novapet.....	R. Yohan.....	9	3	3	5	1	11	4	3	1	3
9	Polavaram	N. Thomas...	9	7	7	2	1	7	.....	.....	6	1
10	Ralli.....	" "	1	1	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
11	Lolla.....	M. Yesudass	26	25	9	1	1	5	1	.....	4	...
12	Autraipuram... .	" "	2	2	2	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
13	Yeduraiswaram.	" "	1	1	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
14	Peravaram.....	E. Daniel.....	10	6	5	4	1	7	.....	2	2	3
15	Hemagheri.....	M. Lazarus...	11	5	4	3	1	.....	10	.....	.....	8
16	Casavaram.....	P. Benjamin.	6	5	4	1	1	5	1	.....	4	...
17	Pera-Ramachendrapur.	M. William...	11	3	3	6	1	8	1	1	4	2
18	Bickole	" "	2	2	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Totals..		308	195	150	109	10	140	37	29	22	22

The report of Rev. Mr. Dietrich gives a full account of this District. We add to it the statistics furnished by the native pastor :

Baptisms, 1886, July–December	79
" 1887, January–June	8
Confirmed	2
Marriages	1
Deaths	11
Sunday-school, Jagurupad, scholars	48
Contributions, 1886, July–December	Rs. 10.9.5
" 1887, January–June	" 9.6.1

Samulcotta District.

Missionary in Charge, Rev. J. R. Poulsen.

July–December, 1886.

Samulcotta, December 27, 1886.

To write about our greatest obstacle in this country—the caste system—would be only to tire you with an old truth, but still I venture to say that he who has not been a witness himself can only have a faint idea of it. The prevalent idea of sin is not immorality, but breaking of any of the many absurd caste rules. Let a man live ever so wickedly, he is honored in the same degree as his caste is high ; but let him, for instance, drink water out of a pot belonging to a lower caste man, or eat what is prohibited, and he is ostracised. Education, however extended, has not been able to make any change. Hindu graduates, college professors, judges and collectors, observe these caste rules as well as any others. For, some few days ago, when I had been in a village preaching to a large crowd of caste people, who had listened very closely, one said : "This is very good, what shall we then do ?" When I told them what was required of them, he said : "Never will I leave the religion of my forefathers : that would be the greatest sin of all." Knowing that the Gospel only can make the change, we preach in *hope only.*

I have been away 71 days. My catechist, S. Laksmiah, always accompanying me. His knowledge is very limited, but he is always willing when out with me, and he is bold as a preacher ; out with me he does good work indeed. The Bible Society's Colporteur is, as a rule, along too, with his Scripture books.

Our work is constantly hindered for want of efficient village teachers. We visit regularly villages in which the Malas hear with interest, but their final words are : "Yes, we hear it now, a moment afterwards we have forgotten all. Give us a teacher who can constantly teach us, then we will be able to know about it." S. Laksmiah still lives at Ragampet, as there was no teacher, and Amelia, his wife, should try to get the women to come. The last I heard from some of those women was, "Why should we become Christians, is it not enough when our husbands are Christians ; what do we females know?"

One death only, an old woman who had been baptized together with her

husband. I gave her the Holy Sacrament three weeks before she died. She was faithful and rejoicing in Christ to the last.

Our boarding school has been steadier this half year. Five boys and three girls at present. One big boy wanted a holiday, and packed up all his clothes given him here, and books. He went away without saying a word. He wanted to come back again, but I not only refused to take him, but through the village authorities also made him give up the clothes and books. That refusal I hope will have a good effect on our present and future scholars. So perverted are the ideas of this people, that the boy's relations thought that in not receiving him again, after a week's absence was harder than their heathen masters, who would "forgive" when a boy had run away, and receive him when he returned, forgetting that that master would only himself be a great loser if he did not.

January–July, 1887.

Samulcotta, January 1, 1887.

Except during April and May, which months this year were particularly hot, I have been out touring a great deal. Two only have been baptized. The effect mentioned in a former report that all the Christians (about 20) in a Baptist village renounced Christianity, does not seem to be less in this new field. Baptism does not hurt the caste feelings so much among the lower classes, but the Lord's Supper does so much the more; at that they eat and drink together, Madigas included. However, by keeping on with the Gospel truth, that will be conquered. But to do that I must have more skillful, honest workers. In old districts of our entire Mission field, the leaven will work on, even if not so well attended to, but an entire new field like this, where the leaven is to be placed, should have been, and should now be, much better supported by the mother congregations than it has been. If not, it is, in my opinion, premature to begin an entire new field, especially when a strong body like the Baptists begin at the same time. When I first came here, I got no workers at all from our old fields, so I had to take dismissed and rejected ones both from the English Church Missions and from our boarding school at Rajahmundry. As it might be expected, several of these proved themselves to be unfit. Here I am with but a few workers, and with no prospect of getting more for the purpose for a long time to come. Every pastor in the old fields, Velpur and Jagurupad, wants naturally his own boys back when they have been educated, and could use many more. (There, I think, they should think more of the new fields). The boys themselves, of course, want to be in their own parts, and besides, fear to come here on account of a fatal kind of a dropsy which some are liable to get when they come here from other parts. One teacher from Velpur succumbed to it a couple of years ago. My aim, of course, is to raise up workers from here, but that is slow work, as a few instances will show.

In Bro. Artman's time, two big boys from my boarding school here (the one very far advanced in knowledge) were sent to Rajahmundry school. They very soon came back to their village without telling anybody at Rajahmundry.

Two more were sent last January. One of them seems to like it, but the other says the water there does not agree with him, and it is doubtful whether he will return there after the Summer holidays. Even when I get them here in my school they feel very independent, and take "French leave" without much concern. Last week a big boy who had been here more than a year, ready for Rajahmundry, and of whom both I and Mrs. Poulsen thought very well, left, and why? I was out in the District. He imagined that a small girl who was washing their meat took a piece in her mouth. He came up to Mrs. Poulsen in a very excited state, and rudely demanded that money should be given him for meat, if not he would leave at once. Although my wife kindly gave him of her own meat that day, he left. His real reason for leaving is very likely quite another, and this only a pretext, for a Hindu is deep, he knows so splendidly how to use words in order to hide his thoughts. It is difficult to keep them when got, it is much more so to get them, for their parents have profit out of them from an early age. A month ago, two nice Christian big boys came from Rajahghopalm, and wished to be in our boarding school. They both can read the second Book, which they have learned from my teacher there in the evenings, when they come home from attending cattle. The next day came their respected parents (in the one case heathen) and demanded them back. I believe the boys were of age, and might then lawfully have kept them, but I considered it wiser to advise them to go back and hope for better times. Once before they had come in the same way, and were also fetched back in the same way by their parents. In spite of all these obstacles the only thing, of course, is to keep on with the boarding school, and in due time it will all be right.

More than ten per cent. of the Christians I have baptized have been called away from this life, and I am glad that I fully expect many of them, if not all, are now happy with Jesus. Two faithful ones have gone this half year. I several times have asked, Why, dear Lord, do you take the best, those through whom I had expected many more to join? One of those two was from Ragampet, about a mile and a half from here. He came regularly almost every Sunday to church here. Poor fellow, despised when alive, (as these low castes are) the villagers would not even leave him in peace when dead. His remains had to be carried through the village proper, where the public road is to come, to the cemetery here, but about all the people had gathered with big sticks to prevent the coffin from going through, ready to beat the Christians if they did not desist. The latter put it down and sent word to me. In a burning sun, 11 o'clock, I rode down and there was the row. I rode calmly up to the crowd (who, by the way, did not look at me very amiably,) and said: "You had better not make any trouble here, else *you* will get into trouble yourselves," and at the same time ordered the Christians to take up the coffin and follow me. Such a thing as a corpse from the Malapilli being carried through the village had never taken place before, and I could not help smiling to notice how quickly the Brahmins, those holy Brahmins, who sat in their verandas got inside in order not to be

defiled. About twenty of the ringleaders were afterwards fined Rs. 2 each in court.

At the first of every month, when the teachers come in for their pay, they always bring an essay which they prepare every month, that is read and spoken about. They also bring a journal in which they are to give an account of themselves every day in the month, which each one also reads aloud, and in connection with that the work is spoken about.

When I am out in the district, N. Isaac conducts the service here on Sundays.

In spite of much enmity on account of the heathen, and many disappointments on the part of workers and new converts, we have good hope for the future, for we have not been left without seeing fruit, and we pray for grace to be contented with the labor, chiefly of sowing the seed, if it so is the will of Him who knows best. To Him be praise and thanks for everything.

J. K. POULSEN.

Village.	Baptized, Jan. to July, 1887.	Baptized in all.	Died.	Removed.	Indifferent	Scholars.	Communed.	To be Baptized.	Teachers.
Katlemoor	1	18	.....	1	.....	9	5	5	B. Daniel.
Marlava	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Kotacualapilli	.....	22	3	1	.....	2	3	4	J. Venkatasami.
Qudivadi	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Juggampet	.....	6	.....	.....	2	4	1	3	D. Peter.
Gorinta	.....	16	1	.....	1	2	5	.....	K. Moses.
Polimedu	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	
Chedalade	.....	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	
Divili	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Rajahghopal	1	35	4	4	2	7	12	2	B. Pragasiam
Malatimapur	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Merakamalapudi	.....	12	2	1	3	.....	6	.....	
Ragampet	.....	28	2	1	1	.....	9	.....	S. Amelia.
Dharmavaram	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Vaminga	.....	14	2	2	10	.....	.....	1	
Ellore	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Pratipad	2	2	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	6	R. David.

Tallapudi District.—Missionary in Charge, Rev. F. J. MacCready.

During the six months under review, the main thought arising is, that all along under diverse circumstances, amid Christian and heathen surroundings, in Missionary and pastoral labors, and in many directions, the Lord has stood by and aided and furthered the cause.

1. ITINERATING.

The bungalow being almost completed, I was able to find time to engage more freely in visiting and declaring the Gospel in the villages of the District. In many of them the Gospel was well received. Some portions of Scripture

and tracts were sold, and many leaflets, supplied by the Madras Religious Tract and Book Society, were scattered among the people. Of the people that live in this part of the country, there are two castes that evince a great interest in Christianity, the Rajahs, or Kshatruyas (rulers), always hear the Word with glad hearts, and in Guddigudiem, if they only hear of a teacher's presence in the place they send for him, and ask him to declare his message. While I was one day preaching to them, a Brahmin frequently interrupted me, and the Rajahs always sided with me, and at the close turned on the Brahmin, and charged his castemen with leading them into all kinds of superstitious and false notions concerning the Lord and the way to eternal life.

The other caste, known as Kumsalees, (carpenters, blacksmiths, etc.,) in four cases, in different places, listened eagerly to the story of the Saviour's love, and begged for Christian tracts and hymn books. Some purchased them. Since January the teachers regularly preached every Saturday in different villages, and in June they spent almost the whole month in going about delivering the message. Thus the Gospel was heard in far-off villages, and tidings were brought of the welcome way it was received.

At Tallapudi every market day (Monday the people were told concerning the Lord.

A WANT.

The following is mentioned with the hope that provision will be made. I wish to secure a spot in the market place on which to erect a small open shed. The place will serve as a preaching station, which will become known to the people. They will know where to go to hear of Christ. Besides, in sunshine and rain the preacher will be protected. A small book-stall will also be put up under it, and from it the Word by hearsay, in tracts and leaflets, will spread out far and wide into the country.

Hindu Temple for Sale.

In Bhemole, six miles from Tallapudi, there stands a half finished Hindu temple. Its builder died suddenly, and no one has stepped forward to fill his place in completing it. There it stands, an evidence of the vanity of man's thoughts and plans! The owners are willing to sell it, with its land, for Rs 50. It is built of stone, and had it been finished would have presented an imposing appearance. It may be interesting and proper to get possession of this intended stronghold of Satan, and use it as a place in which to worship and praise Jehovah and Jesus Christ, whom He sent. The priest who was to have served in this temple, retired with his large brass idols to Gopaulpuram, and is attempting to get people to finish the temple.

Other Missions.

The Plymouth Brethren have established a station at Chilliped, 18 miles from Tallapudi, and have stationed a European Missionary there. Several young men are being prepared for Missionary work, and he intends stationing them in places in the Tallapudi District. This denomination has mem-

bers living in places in the District, although they have no schools or teachers, but one, whom they visit. They cannot be kept out. The way to succeed against them would be to place men in some of the principal villages in the District. During June (holidays) their students were sent off in pairs to preach in the villages, and two even came to Tallapudi. The Baptists thus intend sharing the District with us. They will enter from the South, and from the North-west the good C. M. S. Missionaries wish to come in, and claim a share also. They have already occupied Pothawarum, an important place. A sub-catechist is placed here, and a caste boys' and a caste girls' school are established. Our Mission owns land in the place, given by Government, but unfortunately, the paper was lost by one of the former Missionaries. The matter has been laid before the Head Assistant Collector, and as the C. M. S. has applied for a site, he will examine into the claims, and decide in the matter. Only one Mission will be allowed to hold land. Our claims are, that the village was ours by an arrangement with the C. M. S., that it is in the Vernagudium Telug, and is ten miles nearer to Tallapudi than to Ellore, and that we have land in the place. It will form in our Mission, as it were an out-post.

2. PASTORAL.

Preaching.—Tallapudi.

When present, the services were conducted by me, when absent the teacher has done it. At A. M. service the Gospel lessons have been followed out as the subjects for the sermons, and in the evening the "Acts of the Apostles" is being read.

Surrounding Villages.

The preaching during my visits to villages has also been attended to by me. Frequently after morning service at Tallapudi, I visit the villages within a radius of ten miles from Tallapudi, and conduct service.

Place of Worship.—Tallapudi.

The Missionary Council long ago recommeded the sanction of Rs. 250, for the purpose of erecting a place of worship. It is barely sufficient. Ever since my verandah was available, the low, small, confined school-room was abandoned, and service conducted in the verandah. But I would not like it to continue much longer, for it is not only unpleasant, but also inconveniences and puts us to a great deal of trouble. I have asked for Rs. 250 additional for the purpose in the estimate now presented. I also intend asking my friends here and in Scotland to help me in building the place of worship, and I would like to have the privilege of applying to friends in America. Some of the Christians have promised one day's earnings as subscription, and the labor of another day in case a place of worship is built. The church land was rented out this year for Rs. 9.

Communion.

It will be noticed in the statistical report, that in some places communion service was not held during the first quarter. In two places the Christians

were new converts, and were not sufficiently instructed in our Church's teachings on the Lord's Supper. In another the Christians were not leading consistent lives.

Baptisms.

The converts are usually Madigas or Chucklers. Three men were received into the Church who were not of this caste, but two belong to the Mala caste, and one is a Thelaga. The three are interesting cases. The last mentioned has some education, and is temporarily employed by me as a teacher. He and two others are put on a term of trial, and in the Lord's hands they may render effective service. For one is an influential person among caste Hindus—the second, a former boarding-school man, a leader among the Malas, and the third, a man of piety.

Deaths.

During the half year, three unbaptized persons passed away. One died suddenly at night. The teacher in the village where the second death occurred, could have baptized the infant, but he was ignorant that he had the authority to do so, and in the third case the teacher was not at hand. An old woman, an old inquirer, and who was baptized before her death, gave much joy by her confession of Christ. When warned of her approaching end, she said: "I am glad to go there." "Do you believe and rely on the Lord Jesus?" Her answer was a decided "Yes," and when prayer was offered on another occasion, all she could say was, "My Father, my Father," all through the prayer.

Sunday-schools.

Those in the out-stations continue in existence. The Bible portion and the verses are taught the children. In the Sunday-school we are going through the Gospel according to St. Mark. The Bible verses are selected by me bearing on different subjects. At Tallapudi the attendance of the adult class is very good. I intend introducing the use of Sunday-school tickets, and offer books as rewards, especially to those adults who can read.

I have offered a prize to the teachers to be competed for in the use of the services, morning and evening. The teacher who goes through the services as one thoroughly acquainted with them, will receive the prize, which is to be a Telugu Commentary. The competition to take place at Christmas time.

Inquirers.

In two villages I canvassed the whole place, and spoke to every individual who paid any attention at all to the Gospel, and asked them to decide for or against Christ. In Gopaulpore sixteen persons gave in their names as candidates for baptism, and I have arranged with the teacher for their instruction in the plain truths of the Gospel and in the catechism. They placed two houses at my disposal for the teacher and the school. In another village, the men were all out, and the women would not decide. There are many anxious persons in Dommoor.

Buildings, Repairs, Etc.

One school-house was enlarged, two were built, and three repaired. Gov-

ernment has given the Mission in Penkellametta 23 acres of land. The assessment is less than a rupee a year. When Hindu opposition ceases the tax may be removed by Government. I have applied for land in five villages for school purposes. At Niddoshavole, a market village, both the Baptists and I have been trying to get land. Its importance is such that I would like to have a hold on it. It admits into the heart of my district. The inhabitants of Nundamur, who obstructed the building of the school-house, were convicted and fined. Their opposition has ceased.

F. J. MacCready.

Pastoral Report.

Number.	Villages.	Christians remaining on the 30th June, 1887.				Bapt'm.			Received by Transfer.	Backsliders Returned.	Communicants du. ½ yr.	Inquirers	Removals.	Backsliders.	Excluded fr. Lord's Tab	Deaths.	Church Collections.		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Children, Inf'ts									R.	A.	P.
1	Agraharum	.....	.....	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
2	Dommoor	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Gopaulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Gowripilli	3	3	1	7	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
5	Guddigudiem	5	5	14	24	...	...	4	...	...	8	3	...	2	...	1	...	13	3
6	Kormamdee	.....	.....	... ..	.....	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	Kurragapodu	2	1	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
8	Metta	2	2	1	5	...	...	...	...	..	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	1	...
9	Nundamur	3	4	6	13	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	4	3
10	Nundigudiem	8	8	8	24	...	...	1	3	...	13	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
11	Peddshem	11	8	14	33	...	...	...	4	...	14	...	3	...	...	...	...	15	2½
12	Penkellametta	2	1	6	9	...	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	..
13	Tallapudi	16	12	18	46	3	1	1	12	...	19	4	6	...	6	1	15	3	9
14	Waddopilly	1	1	.....	2	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	53	45	73	171	4	1	7	20	5	76	46	14	3	10	3	17	12	5½

School Report.

Villages.	Pupils, July to Dec. '86					Pupils, Jan. to June '87					Ave. attend'ce during ½ year.
	Christian		Heathen.			Christian		Heathen.			
	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	
Dommoor	.....	.....	8	6	14	.....	.....	8	7	15	12
Guddigudiem	3	2	1	.....	6	3	2	1	.....	6	4
Nundamur	2	1	.....	.....	3	1	1	1	.....	3	3
Nundigudiem	1	5	1	.....	7	1	2	4	1	8	5
Peddehem-Day	3	4	.....	.....	7	2	4	3	.....	9	4
Peddehem-Night	4	.....	15	.....	19	5	.....	9	.....	14	11
Penkellametta	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	....	.....	3	4
Tallapudi-Day	8	4	4	.....	16	8	3	5	.....	16	9
Tallapudi-Night	8	2	3	.....	13	10	3	3	1	17	7

Annual Meeting of the Conference.

The Conference consists of the Missionaries, Native Pastors, Catechists, Evangelists, Teachers, and Delegates of native congregations. Its meetings are held at Rajahmundry, in St. Paul's Lutheran Mission Church, soon after each New Year's Day. The Minutes of the last meeting are here given.

Minutes of the Conference.

Rajahmundry, January 4, 1887.

The Conference met at the appointed time. Opening sermon (text, John 4 : 25) by Rev. J. K. Poulsen. The President, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, conducted the Liturgical Services. After the sermon Communion was received by 160 persons.

2 P. M. A hymn was sung and the President offered prayer. The roll was called, and all the members but three were there. Delegates were next received.

The next in order was the President's report. It treated chiefly of the following subjects: The native inn at Rajahmundry; the Velpur church building; the Rajahmundry special congregational report; it concluded with some appropriate remarks in regard to using intoxicating liquors by Christians, and especially women.

Next was the election of new officers. Rev. Schmidt was elected President; Rev. Poulsen, English Secretary, and C. James Garu, Telugu Secretary.

Read congregational report from Dowlaishwaram.

Resolved, That Missionaries, Pastors and Catechists shall report to the Conference in writing, Evangelists and Teachers verbally.

Read the Rev. N. Paulus' report, also Rev. Joseph's.

The President appointed Revs. Grœnning, Dietrich and N. Paulus as a committee to examine the reports.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the President to make arrangements for lectures to be held at evenings next Conference meeting.

Resolved, That the President shall preach the opening sermon, or appoint another pastor to do it.

Closing prayer by Rev. T. Joseph.

January 5.

Met at 8 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by the Rev. J. K. Poulsen.

Read reports from Tallapudi and Samulcotta.

Teacher's verbal reports were next received.

Some important discussions about the duty and neglects of the teachers took place.

Read Rev. Grœnning's report.

Closing prayer by P. Ratnam Garu.

2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. MacCready.

Teachers' verbal reports continued. It was moved and carried, that the report of a teacher from Tallapudi, not belonging to the Conference, but privately paid by Rev. MacCready, should be heard.

Read J. William Garu's report.

A discussion was carried on on the question as to whether the teachers should pay school fees for their own children or not. No decision.

Rev. Grœnning asked the teachers what the reason was that 20 children left the Boarding-school. The main reason put forward was, that the boys were required by their parents to help in rice planting. Mr. Grœnning urged the teachers to make the parents understand that if the boys did not return at the time the vacation was out, they could not be received. It was said that these boys were anxious now to return, and Mr. Grœnning answered that he would excuse them this time so far that, if they came before the 15th inst., with a recommendation from their pastors, he would examine them and receive those whom he should approve of. Mr. Grœnning also reminded the pastors, that they should be careful in selecting the boys whom they were to send to the Boarding-school, as that institution was not a House of Correction. He also requires that the boys shall be able to read the Second Book before he receives them. He also stated that the girls were only admitted when they were between the ages of 8 and 12 years, and they can only remain till they are 12 years old.

Mr. Poulsen raised a discussion about our Telugu Hymn Book (Dawson's). He pointed out that the language in those hymns is, in general, too high to be understood by most of our Christians, and singing without understanding was but little benefit. A hymn out of the Hermannsburger Hymn Book was read as a specimen of the style of language which everybody could understand.

It was decided that all who could procure any new hymns, either printed or unprinted, should as soon as possible send them to the President of the Missionary Council.

Closed at 4 P. M. Prayer by the Rev. N. Paulus.

With the permission of the Conference, Ch. Anandam Garu read, immediately after closing the afternoon session, a sermon on 2 Thess. 5 : 2.

January 6.

Met at 9 A. M. Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

English and Telugu minutes adopted.

In connection with the question raised yesterday about the necessity of another Hymn Book, P. Ratnam Garu spoke at some length about the necessity of using hymns which could be easily understood. He had had experience that even the heathen would shame the Christians for using hymns they did not themselves understand. We should not, he said, be like the Hindus who take great trouble in learning by heart Sanscrit verses of which they did not understand one syllable.

The Committee on Reports then handed in their report, discussion on which followed.

A committee of four was appointed to make a form of report to be adopted.

After this action a lively discussion on the evils of drunkenness took place, and it was resolved to appoint a committee of ten to draw up a resolution how to prevent this evil.

Closing prayer by J. John Garu.

JANUARY 6.

2 P. M. Prayer by Rev. MacCready.

Resolved, That one half of teachers' contributions, as decided before, goes to the support of a catechist, the other half may be spent for teachers' widows and the poor, but no District shall have the right to claim for itself more than this half.

Next adopted a list of persons who were allowed help.

Resolved, That the fund in hand shall be put on interest by the treasurer of the fund (Mr. Grœnning), at the same rate as the Post Office Saving Bank gives, but he must be responsible for both principle and interest.

Resolved, To meet on New Year's Day, 1888, at 8 o'clock, at Rajahmundry.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. K. Poulsen.

(Signed) H. C. SCHMIDT, *President.*

J. K. POULSEN, *English Secretary.*

MISSION SCHOOLS.

Rev. William Grœnning has been the Director of the Mission Schools during the past year, having been specially called for this work. He took charge of the schools January 15, 1886, and has been diligently engaged ever since then in efforts to bring the schools to a greater degree of efficiency. He has sent full reports of their condition semi-annually. We present so much of his last report of July, 1887, as is of general interest to the friends of our Mission. But in his enumeration of gifts received we have incorporated those of the first half of the current Mission year. His report was written in German and has been translated for use here.

Semi-Annual Report of the Mission Schools at Rajahmundry.

January–June, 1887.

By the goodness of God, the teachers and scholars have enjoyed a quiet half-year of labor together in the Mission School. Though the school has in general remained the same, yet many minor changes have taken place, of which we will make report. The vacation ended Jan. 10th, and the scholars were expected again. New entries were allowed until Jan. 17th. Many more appeared than our small boarding-house could entertain, and about 25 had to be sent back. Several persons, who some years ago had been boarders and had strayed away, were again received for a final trial; but with notice that a renewed absence would exclude them finally from reception into the boarding-house. After examination the new comers were assigned to the several classes. Promotions were made of some of the former scholars, but

most of them remained in their old classes and very few could be assigned to higher ones. Their small attainments was partly the cause, but the chief cause was that the grade of the classes in general was too low, and could only be elevated by retaining the scholars in them for another year, and giving them fuller instruction, Some scholars were removed by their parents for this cause, but with little loss, as they were not highly gifted.

Feb. 8th, a teacher, Prakasem, was at Mr. Schmidt's request received into the 2d Class for further instruction. He was married and had been employed as teacher, but was not equal to the work, and was advised to study further. He lives outside the premises and receives the aid given larger scholars.

The school consisted of the following scholars : Alphabetical Class 15 girls and 20 boys ; Class I, 11 girls and 10 boys ; Class II, 6 girls and 34 boys ; Class III, 1 girl and 13 boys ; Class IV, 2 girls and 8 boys ; in all 120 scholars. The number in attendance varied from 103 in May to 123 in March, average number 114. The reason of the falling off in April was the appearance of small-pox which caused many to leave the school, and in May the extreme heat. No other school here is open in May. The Mission was constrained to violate this custom, since many scholars were compelled to aid their parents in the rice-fields in May and June. We have tried to help ourselves by confining the instruction in May to the morning hours, from 6 to 11, and leaving the afternoon free for labor.

The plan of studies has remained, in general, unchanged, except that another higher Class, IV, has been added in which some new studies have been introduced, such as Exegesis of St. Luke's Gospel and instruction on the violin, which last, however, is given only to six selected scholars. The price of violins here is comparatively high, and only six could as yet be procured, so that the most musically gifted were selected from three highest classes for this purpose. The greatest stress is laid now as heretofore on the religious instruction, and beside this to their training in Arithmetic and Geometry. The plan of studies at present is thus arranged in hours :—

Plan of Studies.

Branches.	Class IV.	Class III.	Class II.	Class I.	Alph. Class.
Biblical History	3	5	6	6	6
Luther's Catechism	3	4	4	4	4
Gospel of St. Luke	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Telugu Reading	2	2	2	6	6
" Grammar	2	3	2	.....	.....
" Composition	3	3	2	.....	.....
" Writing	.....	.....	.....	6	6
English	4	4	4	.....	.....
Arithmetic	3	5	6	6	6
Geometry	4	2	.....	.....	.....
History of India	2	3	.....	.....	.....
Singing	2	2	5	4	4
Violin (6 Scholars)	3	3	.....	.....	.....
Total	32	32	32	32	32

Another new arrangement is that the instruction in Telugu in the two highest classes is given by a Brahmin. The Brahmin is a heathen, and has only 12 hours, and as to the Telugu language alone. The complaint as to the incorrect pronunciation of our Christians was general. There is no Christian teacher here of higher grade who was capable of giving this instruction. I could, perhaps, have obtained a graduate Christian teacher from the South for 30 rupees a month, but believed that this Brahmin would teach equally well for Rs. 6, and as he gives only lingual instruction, there was little danger of his doing injury to the Christian tone of our school.

New text-books were also introduced, especially for reading, grammar, English and history. As most of the scholars were retained in the same classes for another year, they could not well be required again to go over the same books, as it would merely have wearied and not advanced them. But besides this, I could not overlook the fact that the text-books issued by the Government were superior to those used heretofore, issued by the C. E. V. Society at Madras.

A good Biblical history is greatly needed for use in religious instruction. The only Mission in the Telugu country which has introduced such a history in its school is the Hermannsburg. I supposed at first that we could secure the book from them for our schools. But they were not disposed to furnish us a supply, though we proposed to pay for them. I was, therefore, thrown on my own resources, and I have begun the preparation of a Bible history. The rules which should guide me in the prepara ion of the book would be: to give the narrative as far as possible in the language of the generally accepted Telugu Bible version; to be guided in the selection of the narratives by the usage of approved words of this kind; to append to each section a list of Scripture texts illustrative thereof, and using it for edification; a selection of Scripture passages to be committed, and of references to the Catechism. Finally, some questions should be given to bring out the sense of the narrative. It is a fact that Hindu teachers seldom know how to frame questions. The questions furnished would aid and guide the teachers. It is very much to be desired that the book should be freely illustrated by suitable pictures. I would gladly myself bear a part of the cost of production.

When the former High School vacated the Mission House it had occupied, the Mission School was removed to the building. As repairs were much needed, and its arrangement for the use of the school was directed by the Home Committee, the repairs were made slowly and gradually. The floors were tanned and laid with mats, the walls whitewashed, the roof mended, broken beams renewed, and a wall built on two sides of the large grounds. Other necessary repairs will be made gradually.

The health of the scholars has not been as good as could be desired. Apart from lighter evils, small-pox broke out in March, at first sporadically, then in many cases, so that I had to dismiss the scholars for fourteen days. The want of a proper sick room was much felt. The disease, as is well known, is very contagious, while cholera is not. But, curiously, the natives think the reverse is true. When cholera breaks out they all flee, but when

small-pox appears, they gather round the patient to comfort him. When I tried to isolate the first boy taken with it, the other boys would not keep away, but wished to attend and even to sleep with him. I therefore sent the sick to the hospital, and provided extra food and drink, nurse and lights, without which things a sick person here does not expect to recover. But they escaped in the night, and when I asked the cause, said that Satan dwelt in the hospital, and that it was only a place to die in. All unvaccinated children, eleven in number, were at once vaccinated. No one died.

Besides these causes of disturbance, some irregularity in attendance was caused by the many marriages celebrated by the relatives of the scholars. May is truly the marriage month, and it is considered cruel to detain the children when a marriage takes place in the family.

On the whole, I am not satisfied with the results of our labors in the school. The progress made does not seem to me to be rapid enough. There is too much mere effort of memory, and too little thought and heart culture. It is to be regretted that there are no superior Christian teachers here who would be able to secure a higher grade of culture. There is but one teacher who has passed the examination for matriculation. No comparison with a High School or a Government school can be made. In the Government schools most of the scholars are Brahmins or Sudras, who have enjoyed a degree of cultivation at home. In our Mission School we have only Pariahs who have had no home education. In the Government schools all the teachers are Masters or Bachelors of Arts, while we have only uneducated and incompetent teachers. It is, therefore, no wonder that the results are not striking. But in the Government schools the whole time is devoted to secular studies, while with us one-third of the time is given to religious instruction. It is not probable that many of those who complete the course in our school could stand the Government examination. A Christian Mission School has entirely different aims from a purely secular Government school. It is sad that we Christians should be so restricted in the means at our disposal. There are also Christian Masters and Bachelors of Arts, but their appointment would increase our school expenses three or five fold, but still I believe that it would not be extravagance to provide competent teachers. The credit of the school would be advanced, the intellectual and spiritual capabilities of our future teachers would be advanced, and the Mission work in general be placed on a firmer basis. But our dear friends in America must furnish the means if this is to be done.

The committee appointed by the Missionary Council to determine the attainments to be required of those who go out of the school into the Mission work, has set so high a standard that it will be difficult to reach it in six years, for scholars such as are available to us. It would seem to be necessary that we should be provided with teachers as competent as can be secured.

I have received some presents for our Mission during the past year, for which I would here return thanks. They have been handed over to the treasurer. My father, Pastor C. W. Grœnning, of Ballum, Schleswig, received

presents from some friends which he has transmitted. From Collector Stokes, Bath, England, Rs. 60, for circulation of Christian books. Mr. Knuth, Flensberg, Rs. 60. Christian Thomsen, Ballum, 10; Miss Helem, Ballum, 5, all for repairs of Mission House. Rev. C. W. Grœnning also sent Rs. 67.6, collected at a Mission Festival at Ballum, for the erection of a church at Velpur. This church in Paulus' home has secured gifts of about Rs. 250, but as it can only be erected when a considerable sum has been secured, I have placed the gifts in the hands of the treasurer. Mr. Val. Lor. Meyer, of Hamburg, my wife's father, presented Schreiber's Wall Charts (geological, ornithological, etc.,) and other school requisites. Since January last my father has sent additionally, from Neils Neilsen, Rs. 37.8, Helene Mickelsen, 22.8, Sewing Society, 22.8, and from his own Missionary box, 67.8; total rupees, 150. Lorenz Meyer, brother of Mrs. W. Grœnning, sent Rs. 40; Pastor Schetelig, of Hamm at Hamburg, Rs. 138.5.4, all of which were placed at my disposal for the Mission School.

MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
James	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S., Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Korekonda	Trinity S. S., Reading, Pa.
J. John Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German,) Philadelphia.
J. Dan. Heury	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis S. S., Philadelphia.
Alfred	Rajahmundry	Ladies' Mis. Soc., Mulberry, Ind.
An Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J. MacCready Mis. Soc., Lehighton, Pa.
P. Peter	Dummoor District	F. Bursham, Ind.
A Teacher	Tallapudi District	Rev. H. P. Quist, Knoxville, Ill.
D. Broomiale	Tallapudi District	1st Lutheran Ch. S. S., Columbus, O.,

LIST OF SCHOLARS—JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1887.

I.—BOARDING SCHOLARS. A.—BOYS.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	Raji Paradazy	IV.	18	J. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's, Rochester, N.Y.
2	Raji Charley	"	18	Salem S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
3	Cekalu Joseph	"	17	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's, N. Y.
4	Cekalu Benjamin	III.	14	Trinity Sunday-school, Lancaster, Pa.
5	Adunky Jacob	"	13	Transfiguration S. S., Pottstown, Pa.
6	Morumpudy Daniel	"	13	St. Michael's S. S , Germantown, Pa.
7	Adlu Samuel	"	11	Mrs. H. G. Sterling, Philadelphia.
8	Raji Thomas	"	14	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
9	Kedasy Cyrus	"	15	Rev. J. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.
10	Polamuru Meschech	"	21	St. Luke's S. S., Philadelphia.
11	Pothu Mark	"	15	
12	Mungamury Devadas	"	13	Holy Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
13	E. James	"	20	St. Mark's S. S., New York.
14	K. Nagana	"	20	Grace S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
15	R. Samuel	"	13	Zion's Ger. Luth. S. S., Easton, Pa.
16	Palapurty Nathaniel	II.	13	Friedens Church S. S., Myerstown, Pa.
17	Mupudi Samuel	"	15	Charles Henry Heinitsch Scholarship.
18	Nelaparty Benjamin	"	16	Miss. Soc. Solomon's Ch., Macungie, Pa.
19	Mutheain Alexander	"	13	Zion's S. S., Wilmington, Del.
20	Bethala Benjamin	"	16.	Telugu Class, St. Mark's, Phila.
21	Geddem Lazarus	"	14	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
22	Murry Abraham	"	13	Father Heyer Miss. Soc , Theol. Sem., Phila.
23	Munga Lazar	"	12	E. R. Lichtenwalner, Miss. Soc. Macungie, Pa.
24	Peruru Gabriel	"	11	Pastor Schetelig S. S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
25	Sade Lazarus	"	13	Turbotville Charge, Pa.
26	P. Stephen	"	16	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
27	Palamury David	"	13	S. S. 1st. English Luth. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.
28	S. Mark	"	15	Miss Nora C. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
29	Dundy Mamayah	"	18	Rehoboth & Crow's Run S. S., Beaver Co., Pa.
30	T. Solomon	"	13	Miss. Soc. St. Peter's S. S., S. Bethlehem.
31	R. Jesudasu	"	13	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
32	Katulu Johanu	"	20	
33	K. Theophilus	"	12	Pastor Schetelig, S. S., Hamm, Hamburg.
34	Ardalu Daniel	"	21	Bethlehem S. S., Washington Co., Pa.
35	Y. Benjamin	"	9	Zelienople Sunday-school, Pa.
36	J. Cornelius.	"	12	Ungdoms Ver. Aug. Swed. Ch., Minneapolis.
37	N. Prakasham	"	25	
38	K. Gabriel	"	9	St. Mark's S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
39	K. Paul	"	21	
40	Alepa Devadas	"	10	St. Stephen's, Phila., Artman Scholarship.
41	A. Benjamin	"	16	Mission Band, Zion's Ch., Greensburg, Pa.
42	Thalury Sadhuvu	"	13	Mrs. Kinzelman, Middle Village, L. I.
43	T. Jacob	"	12	Eng. Luth. S. S., Williamsport, Pa.
44	A. Boshanam	"	12	Miss Magdalena C. Murkle, Tidioute, Pa.
45	T. Matthew	"	13	Pastor Schetelig, Y. M. Soc., Hamm.
46	B. Narajanaswamy	I.	8	" " " "
47	P. Dorakadasu	"	14	Sunday-school, Saegerstown, Pa.

B.—Girls.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	Peruru Sundari	II.	11	Infant School, St. Michael's, Germantown.
2	Haridasoham Ruth	"	11	Infant School, St. John's Easton, Pa.
3	A. Naomi	I.	10	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
4	Gorlapilly Elizabeth	"	11	Mrs. Birnbaum, Philadelphia.
5	Sady Martha	"	9	Helpers, Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa.
6	Gorlapilli Martha	"	8	Mission League, Philipsburg, Pa.
7	B. Liza	"	12	Mrs. Harkness and Daughters, Phila.
8	A. Rahel	"	9	Gertie and Katie Bender, Jonestown, Pa.
9	Kakaru Emilia	Alphab.	8	Busy Bees, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
10	C. Sattyavatti	"	6	Sunday-school, Zions', Easton, Pa.
11	A. Shantamah	"	6	Miss Klingler, St. Peter's, New York.

The cost of the support of a boy in the Boarding House and School is $30, that of a girl $20 to $25. The support of a teacher ranges from $35 to $75. That of a catechist is about $90. The number of girls to be educated has been decreased, while we expect that of the boys to grow steadily ; we would, therefore, beg donors to prefer boys, as it is unlikely that girls can be assigned.

Day Scholars.

The list of Day Scholars contains the names of 46 boys and 24 girls, which, with those in the Boarding-houses, makes the total number of 128 scholars on the list of the Mission School in June, 1887.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The report of this school for the half year, ending June, 1887, had not yet been received when this account went to press. That for the year 1886, sent in by Mrs. G. Schmidt, who has had the oversight of the school, in January of this year, is here again.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1886.

On the 7th of January, this school opened after the Christmas holidays, with 30 pupils, and so entered upon its fifth year. There has been a slight increase in the number of girls, since my return to India, and we closed the school with 41 on the roll. In September, 1885, the number was 25. There has also been a litttle progress with regard to regular attendance, which leaves much to be desired. The many feasts, weddings and going on visits to other places are great drawbacks in a school.

In the latter part of the year, the Third Book was introduced for the more advanced girls. New Testament stories have been taught regularly, as well as Christian hymns. When I am in Rajahmundry I attend daily to the sewing work, in which they make fair progress.

P. V. Ratnam has been head teacher since the opening of the school, in 1882, and he seems to like his work. We have not been able to find a suitable second teacher. The present teacher is very slow, but a steady man, and is quite worth the 5 Rs. he gets monthly.

We closed the year with a Christmas tree, on the 23d of December, which gave the children great pleasure. Some received prizes of school books, and some, dolls, sent by friends in America, and which they value very much.

48 children received presents from the tree. Seven of that number had not been placed on the roll, because they had entered the school only lately. The skirts and jackets which they received, were all made by the children themselves, during the year.

The supporters, the Women's Societies of St. Mark's and St. John's of Philadelphia, have contributed ninety dollars each, of which, 393 Rs., 7 A. has been spent during the year. Somewhat more will be required next year, if we succeed in finding a better second teacher.

G. SCHMIDT.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION.

Missionaries in the field during the year	5
" Wives in the field during the year	4
Native Ordained Pastors	2
Native Unordained Evangelists and Catechists	7
Teachers—Rajahmundry	10
" Other Stations	52
Total Mission Agents	80
Scholars, Rajahmundry—	
Boarding Scholars, Boys	47
" " Girls	11
Daily Scholars, Boys	46
" " Girls	24
Caste Girls' School	41
District Schools, Scholars	504
Total Scholars	673
Baptized, 1880	124
" 1881	170
" 1882	262
" 1883	356
" 1884	482
" 1885	311

Baptized, 1886, Rev. Schmidt	4	January to June, 1887,	1
" " " Poulsen	15	" " "	2
" " " Dietrich	76	" " "	10
" " " MacCready	51	" " "	12
" " " N. Paulus	125	" " "	84
" " " T. Joseph	93	" " "	8
Total, 1886	364	January to June, 1887,	117

Confirmed, Rajahmundry	4
" Jagurupad	3
" Dowlaishwaram	3
Total	10

Baptized Christians, children and adults,				Rajahmundry	203
"	"	"	"	Korekonda District	18
"	"	"	"	Dowlaishwaram District...(?)	50
"	"	"	"	Samulcotta "	162
"	"	"	"	Tallapudi "	171
"	"	"	"	Velpur " ..(?)	1000
"	"	"	"	Jagurupad "	308
Total baptized Christians					1912
Communed in the year,				Rajahmundry	94
"	"	"		Dowlaishwaram District	21
"	"	"		Samulcotta "	41
"	"	"		Tallapudi "	76
"	"	"		Velpur "	504
"	"	"		Jagurupad "	150
Total Communed					886

Contributions,			Rajahmundry	Rs.	34 ... ...
"			Velpur District	"	68 11 ...
"			Samulcotta "	"	... ...
"			Tallapudi "	"	20 2 10
"			Velpur "	"	68 11 ...
"			Jagurupad "	"	19 15 ...
"			Dowlaishwaram	"	15 5 3
Total contributions for benevolence					226 13 1

SPECIAL WANTS OF THE MISSION.

MISSION HOUSE AT DOWLAISHWARAM.

Ground has been secured for a Mission House, but the erection of the building has not yet been begun for lack of funds. The Committee propose that this Mission House be made a memorial to our deceased Missionary, Rev. H. G. B. Artman. He began the work at that place and had charge of it until his death. He secured from Mr. Van Stavern, the transfer to our Mission, of the school and premises which he had maintained. He urged pressingly, the establishment of a separate Mission centre there, and was greatly interested in the plan. These circumstances led us to determine to make this work a memorial to him. The sum necessary to be raised is about $1800. Several hundred dollars were on hand for this memorial, and contributions since promised, make with the money on hand, $500 pledged for this purpose.

We now appeal to the friends of the Mission, to do honor to the memory of a beloved and devoted Missionary, who gave his life as a sacrifice to the

Lord's work, and at the same time to provide our Mission with a building, which is necessary to the proper prosecution of the labors of the Mission. Mr. Dietrich is compelled still to reside at Rajahmundry, for want of a residence at Dowlaishwaram, and is thereby greatly impeded in his work.

BOARDING HOUSE FOR BOYS.

The report of Mr. Grœnning shows that, at the opening of the school year, 25 boys had to be rejected because there was no room for them. Our Sunday-schools and friends are ready to furnish support for more boys; the most urgent demand throughout the field is for a large number of competent teachers, and the Boarding House will not contain more students. As the course of study is enlarged, and the scholars retained longer in school, the number who can complete their course each year will be diminished, unless the accommodations be enlarged. We have received, as yet, no estimate of the costs of such enlargement, but the sum will not be very large, as accommodations for natives is not costly.

PRINTING PRESS.

A very great aid in the work of our teachers and pastors in India, would be furnished, if means were provided for printing text books and tracts, on the press which the friends in Lancaster have generously furnished. Both Revs. Schmidt and Grœnning have urged the publication of a Biblical History as of great advantage. Were some kind friend to offer to furnish the cost of the plates for such a work, as Dr. F. W. Geissenhainer did for the Church Book in Telugu, a good work would be done, which would bear fruit through many years. Could copies of the engravings now used in some such work in this country, be secured, it would also be a great gain.

DEBT.

The debt of $1600, owing in this country, reported last year, has not yet been paid, and there is now needed an additional amount of about $1500, to be sent to India, to meet the current demands for salaries and expenses. We appeal most urgently to all our Churches to send in their contributions for this purpose, so that the Committee and the laborers in India may be relieved of their embarrassment.

INCOME.

We are persuaded that notwithstanding the urgent demands of all the various objects of benevolence presented to our people, they are ready to give to the cause of Foreign Missions the means needed to maintain and enlarge the work of our Mission. Two things seem to us to be chiefly necessary to secure these means. The first is to bring the subject more fully to their attention, the second to secure a more complete organization in the agencies for collecting funds and distributing information. The interest in the subject is constantly increasing, but there is need of some more efficient organization in the work. The two papers issued by the Council, devoted to Foreign

Missions, one in English and one in German, have done much and could do greatly more, were they more generally circulated. Especially in our English congregations is it desirable that *The Foreign Missionary* should receive wider range.

Should the General Council, in its deliberations on some more efficient means of organization of the work of providing for the benevolent operations of the Church, meet with success, it would help to remove the ills.

Your Committee has long and deeply felt the need of more extended and constant labor, on the part of those having charge of this work here at home, but it has not yet found any mode of improvement. All its members give their services without cost. but they are all burdened with many other duties, and cannot do what they would. It is greatly to be desired that the Council should devise some mode of securing for the work, a more active and efficient administration.

POSSIBLE RETURN OF MISSIONARY POULSEN.

Mr. Poulsen has asked permission for himself and family to return home next spring, on account of sickness. The time which has elapsed since his absence from the Mission on a previous visit is so short, that your Committee would be very reluctant to grant the request, as it would not only be attended with large expense, but even more because his withdrawal would leave an important portion of our field vacant, with no one in India who could be sent to take his place, and with no means at our disposal to send out another, were any one ready. But should he insist on his request, no alternative would be left for the Committee but to acquiesce. We have, therefore, inserted in the estimate of expenses, for the ensuing year, provision for the case should it be needed.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Account of the Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS IN INDIA, JULY 1, 1886—JUNE 30, 1887.

	Rs.	An.	Pi.	
Balance in Treasury	1392	0	9	
By drafts from America	11266	13	8	
" cash from friends in America, per Rev. F. J. MacCready	291	7	6	
" cash from friends in Europe, per Rev. W. Grœnning	530	11	4	
" " per Rev. J. K. Poulsen	105	0	0	
" Marriage fee	20	0	0	
" Rent of Tallapudi Church land	4	8	0	
" Fines and money refunded	7	13	7	
" Contribution of congregation	1	8	0	
" Books	0	2	9	
Total	13620	1	7	$4903 23

EXPENDITURES.

To Teachers' fund	116	14	0	
Rajahmundry District (including Velpur, etc.,)	3624	0	0	
Samulcotta District	1467	10	10	
Dowlaishwaram District (including Jagurupad)	3644	1	3	
Tallapudi District	1117	12	9	
" House	1267	7	0	
Boarding Schools	2413	8	0	
Interest on loans	8	12	10	
Stamps and postage	2	14	0	
Total	13663	0	8	$4918 69
Total expenditures by Treasurer in India				4918 69
" receipts " " " "				4903 23
Deficit				$ 15 46

NOTE.—In this account are not included the salaries of the Missionaries, as these are paid directly to them by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

EXPENDITURES IN THE SEPARATE DISTRICTS.

RAJAHMUNDRY.

	Rs.	An.	Pi.
Balance due the Rev. H. C. Schmidt	246	8	0
Salaries (native pastors and teachers)	233	8	0
Repairs, material, work, etc	613	15	6
Traveling expenses (native pastors, teachers, etc.,)	92	0	0
Boat expenses, repairs and license	222	12	0
Church expenses (sexton, etc.,)	41	5	6
Stationery, books, mats, etc	58	8	0
Taxes on land and buildings	68	2	9
Total	1576	11	9

$567 62

SAMULCOTTA.

Salaries (native pastors, teachers, etc.,)	734	4	0	
Traveling expenses (native pastors, teachers, etc.,)	305	12	0	
Teachers' houses	24	0	5	
Repairs, material, wages, etc	107	5	0	
Boarders' expenses	179	7	11	
Books and school materials	21	9	4	
Communion wine	8	5	0	
Postage, tax, stamps, etc	5	7	3	
Sundries	5	0	0	
Total	1391	2	11	$500 82

DOWLAISHWARAM.

Salaries (native teachers)	21	0	0	
Traveling expenses and allowance (native teachers).	212	8	0	
Land, building, repairs, material, etc	1350	9	11	
Books, stationery and stamps	11	5	6	
Wages, etc	35	1	6	
Church expenses	6	0	0	
School expenses	5	4	0	
Organ for the church (money received as wedding fees)	20	0	0	
Samulcotta reading desk, wood, work, etc	10	11	6	
Interest on borrowed money, discount, etc	217	6	0	
General expenses	531	3	10	
Total	2421	2	3	$871 61

TALLAPUDI.

Salaries (native teachers, etc.,)	557	13	1	
Traveling expenses (native teachers, etc.,)	256	12	11	
Buildings and lots	238	12	9	
Repairs, material, wages, etc	189	9	4	
Stamps, taxes, registration fees, postage	11	5	6	
Stationery, school expenses, etc	14	3	0	
Household utensils, lamps, etc	1	3	3	
Congregational expenses	29	12	5½	
Sundries	23	6	0	
Total	1322	14	3½	$476 24

VELPUR.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native pastors, teachers, etc.,)	2206	5	10	
Doors and windows for six school houses	80	0	0	
Total	2286	5	10	$823 09

KOREKONDA.

Salaries and traveling expenses (native pastors, teachers, etc.,)	192	4	0	
School house	55	0	0	
Land and timber	49	8	0	
Total	296	12	0	$106 83

JAGURUPAD.

Salaries (native pastors and teachers), and general expenses	1109	2	0	
Buildings, repairs, material, wages	112	12	9	
Total	1221	14	9	$439 89

The Boarding School.—Rajahmundry.

Salaries (teachers, etc.,)	633	0	0	
Wages, traveling expenses of scholars	53	10	9	
Books, stationery, etc	104	14	5	
Cloth, needles, etc	129	1	9	
College and High School fees	103	1	0	
Rice, curry, mats, etc	841	5	8	
Repairs, material, etc	509	8	2	
Gymnastic apparatus and musical instruments	32	0	0	
Sundries	45	14	5	
Total	2452	8	2	$882 82

Summary of Expenditures.

Treasurer's account, not included in the separate Districts	128	9	2	$ 46 20
Rajahmundry				567 62
Samulcotta				500 82
Dowlaishwaram				871 61
Tallapudi				476 24
Velpur				823 09
Korekonda				106 83
Jagurupad				439 89
The Boarding School				882 82
Total				$4715 12
Total amount paid out by Treasurer in India				$4918 69
Total expenditures in the several Districts				4715 12
Balance in the hands of the several Missionaries				203 57

Expenditures in America.

October 18, 1886,—August 26, 1887.

Drafts (salaries of Missionaries)	$4273 33
" (general expenses)	3900 00
Interest on loan	116 00
Mrs. L. V. Artman, on account	50 00
Salary of Agent	75 00
Three copies of *Missionary Review* and *Mission Zeitschrift*	14 10
Printing *Cent Collection Books*	12 00
Type for printing office in India	24 00
The Artman Memorial	290 00
Error	37 80
Total expenditures	$8792 23

Estimate of Expenses—July, 1887, to June, 1888.

Indebtedness unpaid	$1600 00
Needed for salaries and expenses in India	1500 00
Salaries of Missionaries	4800 00
Allowance for children at home	200 00
Mission Agents, schools, etc., in India	4500 00
Mission House, Dowlaishwaram	1800 00
Repairs and incidentals	1000 00
Possible return of Rev. Poulsen and family	800 00
Total	$16200 00

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MINUTES.

The Tweny-first Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America was held in St. John's Church, Rev. G. H. Trabert, Pastor, in Minneapolis, Minn., and was opened with a full Divine service on Thursday morning, September 13th, 1888. The President, Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., preached the opening sermon from Galatians, 3, 29, which was followed by the administration of the Lord's Supper.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, September 13, 1888, 2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened by the President according to the Liturgy of the Church. The English Recording Secretary, Rev. G. W. Mechling, called the roll of Synods, and the delegates presented their credentials, as follows:

Roll of the Council.

I.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL.D.	Mr. T. H. Diehl,
" A. Spaeth, D. D.	" A. W. Potteiger,
" B. M. Schmucker, D. D.	" M. L. Langenstein,
" J. Fry, D. D.	" R. A. Baer,
" G. F. Spieker, D. D.	" L. H. Liess,
" S. A. Repass, D. D.	" W. Hauff.
" W. J. Mann, D. D., LL.D.	
" F. J. F. Schantz,	
" T. L. Seip, D. D.	
" H. Crahn,	
" G. D. Bernheim, D. D.	
" Enoch Smith,	
" D. K. Kepner,	
" J. M. Anspach,	
" B. Sadtler, D. D.	
" L. Groh,	
" P. G. Pfatteicher,	
" A. W. Walter,	
" E. H. Pohle.	

II.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. Nicum,	Mr. J. G. Wagner,
" Carl C. Conrad,	" Louis Kaufmann.
" F. A. Kaehler.	

III.—PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding,	Mr. G. W. Swain,
" H. W. Roth, D. D.	" C. Snyder,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.	" B. Olsson,
" E. Belfour, D. D.	" S. J. Beck.
" W. A. Passavant, Jr.	
" D. M. Kemmerer,	
" Ivan Dietrich,	
" A. H. Waters.	

IV.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Rev. J. F. Fahs,	I. S. Motter, Esq.
" G. W. Mechling,	Mr. John Gangwere.
J. H. Hunton.	

V.—SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl,	Mr. N. O. Werner,
" P. Sjœblom,	" A. Holt,
" P. Sværd,	" A. P. Mellquist,
" C. J. Petri,	" A. P. Cronquist,
" G. H. Trabert,	" O. Oesthlund,
" W. K. Frick,	" A. P. J. Colberg,
" J. Sander,	" J. P. Aiken,
" A. J. D. Haupt,	" A. J. Carlson,
" G. Rast,	" J. W. Anderson,
" A. J. Enstam,	" C. A. Smith,
" J. J. Frodeen,	" Gustaf Johnson,
" J. Magny,	" J. A. Enander,
" T. N. Hasselquist, D. D.	" C. P. Holmberg,
" C. A. Evald,	" L. M. Noling,
" L. A. Johnston,	" C. Burman,
" E. A. Fogelstroem,	" A. G. Anderson,
" A. W. Stark,	" J. O. Sundstrom,
" C. A. Hemborg,	" A. W. Lundquist,

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. C. J. E. Haterius,	Mr. J. Bodin.
" C. A. Svensson,	
" G. A. Brandelle,	
" J. D. Soederman,	
" J. Ternstedt.	

VI.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

Rev. J. Veit.

VII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegate present.

VIII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Rev. C. Koerner,	Mr. L. M. Melander.
" R. E. McDaniel.	

Synods with Privilege of Debate.

IX.—NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

No delegate present.

X.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. Prof. S. Fritschel, D. D.	Mr. F. Schack.

List of Visiting Ministers in the Unity of the Faith.

Rev. A. Wright,	Rev. H. N. Fegley,
" C. Hast,	" J. A. Krantz.
" Frederich Holter,	
" J. F. Beates.	

The President presented his report, which was received, as follows:

President's Report.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

There is very little official action on the part of your President to be reported during the past year.

The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Soon after the last Convention in Greenville a letter was sent to me through the Rev. Dr. Passavant, containing the kind salutations

of the President of the "Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America," Rev. J. Pedersen, of Luck, Polk Co., Wis., and holding out a prospect of his attendance on this Convention of the General Council in Minneapolis.

The General Lutheran Conference in Hamburg.

Having been appointed to represent our General Council at the meeting of the General Lutheran Conference, held in October, 1887, in the city of Hamburg, and to bring the salutations of our body to the Church of the Fatherland, I sailed from New York on the 24th of September in the steamship "Rugia" of the Hamburg-American Company. Through the efforts of our Immigrant-Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier, of New York, free passage had been secured from New York to Hamburg, and the same favor was granted by the officials in Hamburg for the return trip to New York. All through this company has shown to your President every possible attention and courtesy.

Arriving at Hamburg a few days before the opening of the Conference I paid a visit to the institution in Kropp. As soon as my journey to Germany had been finally decided I had sent a note to Rev. Paulsen announcing my intention to pay a visit to his theological seminary. Unfortunately Pastor Paulsen had left Germany already to pay a visit to the churches in America, and I was thus deprived of the opportunity to have a conference with him concerning our German Mission Work and the relation of his institution to our General Council.

In Hamburg your delegate met with the most cordial reception. On the second day of the Conference the order of the day at the opening of evening session was suspended to give to the delegate from the General Council an opportunity to address the meeting and to present our fraternal salutations. To this address, which intended to draw a picture of our church in America, and particularly of the position of our General Council, the venerable President of the Conference, Dr. Vliefoth responded in words of deepest emotion.

The General Conference in Germany was established about the same time as our General Council. While its beginnings were of a local, exclusively German character, with a certain tendency to be abstract and doctrinal, the Conference has learned more and more to look at the practical work of the church in the present day; and at the same time its horizon has expanded, it has shown a growing interest in the sister churches abroad, particularly in our own America, and it has become more and more acquainted with the peculiar position and work of our General Council, for which

the warmest sympathies have been awakened. To be present at one of these large and important gatherings, to see eye to eye with the most learned and gifted leaders of our church in Germany, to be the bearer of the cordial greetings from our General Council to the General Conference, and vice versa, and thus an instrument to strengthen the union between the church of the Fatherland and the church of this great Western Home of Lutheranism, I shall always consider as one of the greatest privileges of my life. The Lord grant His blessing that, though divided by the ocean, the Lutherans of Germany and the Lutherans in America may be even more firmly united in the confession of the one pure and precious faith and in fraternal and intelligent co-operation in the great practical work of our church. Perhaps ere long we may yet see the day of a General Conference of Lutherans, in the fullest sense of the word, meeting in Philadelphia or New York and bringing together our best men from East and West, from North and South!

The Deaconesses' Work:

Allow me once more to refer to this important charity in a few remarks. The Motherhouse of Deaconesses in Philadelphia is meeting steady and we trust healthy progress. The Rev. A. Cordes, lately from Saxony, and formerly the assistant of the sainted Pastor Nirck in Hamburg, has been appointed Rector of the institution, to devote his whole time and strength to this work. In a few weeks the magnificent building erected for this purpose by the munificence of Mr. Lankenau, at an expense of about half a million of dollars, will be opened and dedicated. Let the church respond by sending our most pious and active women to join the sisterhood. Let our Synods, Conferences and Congregations be opened to Rector Cordes so that he may present the claims of this sacred cause. It is a matter of special gratification that the Deaconess' Institution in Philadelphia, under God's providence, is soon to have a prosperous sister in Omaha, where the Rev. C. A. Fogelstrœm has taken the first successful steps towards the establishment of a second deaconesses' house. Phiadelphia and Omaha will be working hand in hand, and of the twenty-seven sisters in Philadelphia at least five are being trained for the new beginning in Omaha, Let us rejoice and thank the Lord that He has called our church to introduce this important and effective work of christian charity. Let us understand our duty towards it, and by the blessing of the Lord it will yet be one of the greatest powers to build up the kingdom of the Lord in this Western Hemisphere.

Conclusion:

It is the first time that the General Council really meets in the West, or, as our Western friends would say, on the borders of the great West. Believing, as we do, that America holds the future in the history of mankind and of the kingdom of God, we are equally convinced that the great West holds the future of America. Whoever holds the West will ultimately hold America. Whoever fails in the West is bound to fail in America. May the Lord grant us enlightened eyes and ready hearts and hands clearly to see and faithfully to discharge our duty for the honor of His name and the salvation of souls. A. SPAETH.

It was resolved that a Swedish Recording Secretary shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to record and publish the proceedings of this body in the Swedish language.

Tellers, to conduct the election of officers, were then appointed as follows: Revs. Petri, Schantz and Dr. Spieker, and Messrs. Langenstein, Kaufmann and Holt.

Rev. Prof. Frick was appointed to report the proceedings of this Council to the press.

It was resolved to extend the privilege of debate to the visiting brethren who present their names to the Secretaries in accordance with the regulations of this body.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows: For meeting, 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.; for adjournment, 11:30 a. m. and 5 p. m.

An invitation having been received and accepted to attend the Minneapolis Exposition in a body and to participate in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the first Swedish settlers landing in America, it was ordered that no session be held to-morrow afternoon and that the Council meet at the church at one o'clock to proceed to the Exposition in a body.

It was also resolved to meet at the Swedish Augustana Church this evening at 7:30.

A Home Missionary meeting was announced for Friday at 7:30 P. M.

A letter was read from Rev. S. Henkel, D. D., appointed visitor to this Council from the United Synod of the South, extending the cordial greetings of that body to this, and expressing his sorrow that circumstances beyond his control made it impossible for him to attend this Convention.

It was resolved that his letter be received and that the Council very much regrets that he cannot be present.

The Report of the Church Book Committee was made the first order for tomorrow morning.

The tellers reported the result of the ballot for Officers as follows:

President,—Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., LL. D.
English Recording Secretary,—Rev. G. W. Mechling.
German Recording Secretary,—Rev. J. Nicum.
Swedish Recording Secretary,—Rev. C. A. Evald,
English Corresponding Secretary,—Rev. B. M. Schmucher, D. D,
German Corresponding Secretary,—Rev. Philip Pfatteicher.
Swedish Corresponding Secretary,—Rev. E. Norelius.
Treasurer,—W. H. Staake, Esq.

The subject of Home Missions was made the order to succeed the disposal of the Church Book Committee's report.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. H. Grahn.

On Thursday evening, September 13th, the Council met at the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Church, where a most hearty public welcome was accorded to it on behalf of the Minnesota Conference of the Swedish Lutheran Augustana Synod. After singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant, spirited addresses of welcome were delivered by Rev. P. Sjoeblom, Hon. A. R. McGill, Governor of the State of Minnesota, and Prof. Cyrus Northrop, of the University of the State of Minnesota, to which Rev. Dr. Seiss, President of the Council, and Revs. Drs. A. Spaeth and W. A. Passavant offered appropriate replies.

At the conclusion of these proceedings, which were as edifying as they were delightful, Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl offered prayer and pronounced the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 14, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. Fry, D. D. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker offered the report of the Church Book Committee, which was received and considered by items as follows:

Annual Report of the Church Book Committee.

The Committee are prepared to submit to the Council the remaining Orders for Pastoral Acts which have not yet been acted on by

the Council. They are the Orders for The Visitation of the Sick, The Communion of the Sick, The Commendation of the Dying, and The Burial of the Dead. They are submitted in print in the German and English languages. There remains to be prepared only the general directions to precede the Orders for Confirmation and Confession, which the Council, if it see fit, may entrust to the Committee. It is probable that an Order may be added for the combination in one of the Orders for Adult Baptism and Confirmation, for use when both are needed at the same service, but as both these Orders have been acted on by the Council, the combined Order can readily be made by the Committee. Should the Orders now presented be acted on by the Council, all the matter which it was proposed to add to the Church Book at this time will be in such state as not to delay the publication of a revised and enlarged edition of the Church Book.

The Common Service has been prepared by the Joint Committee of the three General Bodies, and has already been published by the General Synod and the United Synod. The publication by the General Council has, by its order, been delayed until the Pastoral Acts could be added. The Common Service as adopted and published by the United Synod corresponds entirely with that adopted by the Council; as issued by the General Synod there are some minor variations, which, however, do not seriously disturb the unity of the Service.

It would be possible at once to proceed with the stereotyping and printing of the Common Service, and by the time that would be completed the Committee could finish what remains to be done to the Pastoral Acts, and carefully revise the English translation so that no delay need be feared in the issue of the new edition of the Church Book. In the opinion of your Committee it will be necessary that new plates be made for the entire Church Book, as the liturgial part must be made new by reason of the changes made by the Common Service, which introduces the Matin and Vesper Service with the special provisions necessary to their use, greatly increasing also the number of Psalms needed. The plates for the Hymns have now been used for twenty years and it would not be well to use them along side of the new plates. It is the intention of your Committee to issue at the same time a smaller size of the Church Book at a lower price. Whether it would be well to issue a larger size, chiefly for use at the altar, may be considered hereafter, and perhaps in combination with the other bodies, as the pages on which any differences occur are but few, and it would be desirable to have an edition in which the Epistles and Gospels are given in full. The Service and the Hymns are also to be furnished seperately.

The work of revising the translation of the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism has been begun. Of the Augsburg Confession the *Latin Editio Princeps* of 1539 has been made the basis, and Richard Taverner's translation of 1536 is to be taken as the basis of the English translation. A reprint of Taverner has been made, containing also the emandations made in the Harmony of Confessions of 1586, in Hale's edition of the Harmony, and in Dr. C. P. Krauth's revision. It is hoped that the revised translation may be completed in the Spring of next year. For the Catechism the edition of 1542, the last revised by Luther, has been made the standard, and the translation by Dr. P. F. Mayer the basis of English translation. The revision is expected to be made simultaneously with that of the Confession. As directed by the Council, a request was presented to the Joint Committee that other Lutherans, not connected with the three General Bodies represented in the Joint Committee, should be invited to co-operate in this work of revision. This request was cheerfully complied with, and invitations were extended to the Theological Faculties at Columbus, St. Louis, Decorah, so to unite, and while the arrangements are not yet complete, the invitation has met a very friendly reception.

With reference to the request made by the United Synod that the three General Bodies unite in the preparation of the Orders for Ministerial Acts, and in making a Collection of Hymns, no communication has been received from the Committee to which it was referred by the General Synod. The Committee of the United Synod has continued to co-operate with us in the preparation of the Pastoral Acts.

The publication of the Original German text of the Orders for the Pastoral Acts, which was directed to be made by your Publication Committee has not yet been made. On the return of Dr. Spaeth from Europe last fall, the text was furnished by him to the Publication Committee, and such proofs as were sent us were corrected, beyond this the issue was not within the province of the Church Book Committee.

In obedience to the instructions of the Council to prepare and publish a Mission Service Book, a sub-Committee was appointed soon after the meeting of the Council and charged with its preparation. The Committee were Revs. J. T. Ohl and F. F. Buermyer. The report of the sub-Committee presents a Table of Contents as proposed, with the material therefor taken from the Church Book, together with a list of one hundred and twenty-five Hymns. This report has not yet beensubmitted to the Church Book Committee for their consideration.

It will be necessary for the Council to say whether the Church Book Committe shall have the plates of the Church Book made and then give them into the hands of the Publication Committee for publication, or whether the plates shall be made by the Publication Committee while the sizes and types remain subject to selection by the Church Book Committee.

A joint copyright has been taken out by the sub-Committee of Preparation, Rev. Drs. B. M. Schmucker, G. W. Wenner and E. T. Horn, in trust for the three General Bodies, covering also the right of translation. A Declaration of Trust will be executed by the Committee when Dr. Wenner returns from Europe, whither he went before the copyright was issued.

The Orders for the Visitation and Communion of the Sick, for the Commendation of the Dying and the Burial of the Dead were approved; it was

Resolved, 1. That a rubric be added to those which precede the Order for Burial, setting forth the fact that this service is prepared for use at the burial of those in the membership, and, in the case of adults, in the communion of the church.

2. That the Church Book Committee carefully revise the Orders for Ministerial Acts, and that they be authorized and empowered to make such minor changes, not affecting principles approved by the Council, as in their judgment are desirable, and that the Orders be then printed.

3. That the Committee shall proceed, without further delay, in the publication of the Church Book in its enlarged and revised form, as authorized by the Council.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On the President's Report:

Rev. Dr. E. Belfour,
" Dr. T. N. Hasselquist,
" F. A. Kaehler.
Mr. J. G. Wagner,
" Michael Langenstein.

On Minutes of District Synods:

Rev. Dr. G. F. Spieker,
" C. N. Conrad,
" C. A. Svensson,
" J. H. Hunton,
" D. M. Kemerer,
" C. Koerner,
" J. Veit.
Mr. Louis Kaufmann,
" S. J. Beck,
" John Gangwere,
" J. W. Anderson.

Auditing Committee:

I. S. Motter, Esq. Mr. L. M. Melander.
Mr. W. Hauff.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. R. E. McDaniel.

In the afternoon of September 14th the Council went in a body to the Exposition Building and participated in the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the first Swedish settlers arriving in America. Very interesting historical addresses were delivered in both the Swedish and the English language.

In the evening a Home Missionary meeting was held in St. John's English Lutheran Church, where stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. W. A. Passavant, Jr., J. Nicum and Dr. Spieker; also, in the Swedish Augustana Church, with earnest addresses by Rev. Dr. E. Belfour, in English, and Dr. C. A. Svensson, in Swedish.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 15, 9 A. M.

After opening services, conducted by Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., the roll was called and the minutes were read and approved.

The President appointed a Committee on Last Year's Minutes, as follows: Revs. E. Smith and W. A. Passavant, Jr., and Mr. B. Olsson.

The President then announced the reception of a letter from Rev. C. Eberhard, President of the Synod of Michigan, which was referred to a Special Committee, as follows: Revs. Dr. J. Fry, Dr. B. Sadtler, D. M. Kemerer and C. N. Conrad, and Messrs. J. Gangwere, A. W. Potteiger, S. J. Beck and Gustav Johnson.

A letter from Rev. E. Huber, President of the Texas Synod, was also received and referred to the Committee on Minutes of the District Synods.

The consideration of the Church Book Committee's report was resumed, and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Committee be instructed to proceed without delay in publishing the revised and enlarged edition of the Church Book, containing the Common Service, the Orders for Pastoral Acts, the Augsburg Confession, the Catechism and the Collection of Hymns.

2. The Council approves and directs that the Church Book be issued at present in two sizes, one being smaller than that now in

use, and also that the several parts of the book be issued separately.

3. That the preparation of the plates be made under the direction of the Church Book Committee.

Finally, the report of the Church Book Committee was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on English Home Missions presented the following, which was received:

Report of the Committee on English Home Missions.

The Committee on English Home Missions held six meetings during the past year—all in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. At its first meeting it elected the following officers: Rev. J. A. Seiss, D. D., Chairman; Rev. S. Laird, D. D., Secretary; and Mr. Henry Beates, Treasurer. At the April meeting of the Committee, Rev. D. H. Geissinger, of Easton. Pa., resigned as a member, and Mr. James H. Wolf, of Philadelphia, was elected to fill the vacancy. The Committee had the follbwing Missions under its care, concerning which it would respectfully submit its report:

Wicker Park Mission, Chicago, Ill.—This Mission, organized in the year 1879, was without a pastor at the beginning of the present Council year. Rev. J. C. Kunsman had been elected and called before the Annual Meeting of the General Council, but after due consideration declined the call in view of the refusal of his congregation to accept his resignation. Mr. Ph. Lamerdin, of Senior Class of Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, rendered valuable services during the summer and fall of 1887. At a meeting of the Committee, held December 20th, 1887, "a letter was received from Committee representing Wicker Park Mission," stating that at a congregational meeting held October 30th, 1887, the congregation resolved to make an effort to sustain itself, and had elected Rev. H. W. Roth, D. D., Pastor; that Dr. Roth had accepted the call and would take charge on or about January 1st, 1888. The congregation, in humble but firm reliance upon the divine favor, took this step and extended to the Committee sincere and heartfelt thanks for the material aid extended to the congregation, and for the valuable counsel which had been given and the kind interest which had always been manifested on its behalf. The Secretary was instructed to reply, "that the Committee is gratified with the action which had been taken and expressed the hope that by the divine blessing success will attend the work of the congregation."

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio.—Rev. J. F. Beates, Pastor. The former pastor ended his labors September, 1887. The present pastor was called and entered upon his labors on the first Sunday in Advent, 1887. The congregation consists at present of one hundred confirmed members, of various nationalities—German, Scandinavian and American. The members are scattered over a territory of 3x5 miles. The Sunday School numbers 115 enrolled officers, teachers and scholars. Regular church services are held on each Lord's Day morning and evening. The latter are omitted in hot summer months. The pastor wears the clerical robe. The Church Book is regularly used. The congregation joins heartily in the services. The Sunday School uses the Sunday School Book and Church Lesson Leaves. Sunday School papers are regularly distributed. The new library secured lately adds to the interest of the school. The school has its infant, main and Bible departments. The church building is churchly in its appearance. Its dimensions are 37x57 feet. Its seating capacity is above 250 persons. The pastor's study and infant room are in the rear of the auditorium. The building is heated by natural gas and lighted by manufactured gas. The building needs repainting on the exterior and interior. The fine corner lot, N. E. corner of Oliver and Harrison streets, is long enough for an extension of the church building and the erection of a parsonage when needed. The church property, lot and building are valued at $5000. The debt of the congregation is $2000 and carried by a loan from a Building Association, which requires a weekly payment of $7.20. At this rate the debt will be canceled in eight years.

The need of an entirely English Lutheran congregation at Toledo is very evident, from the fact that there are ten other Lutheran congregations at Toledo and only in one of them is the English language used in public worship, and that but rarely. Thousands of those who have been confirmed in the German churches are no longer in regular connection with the same.

The present condition of St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (called First Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Toledo, Ohio, before the charter was secured) gives promise of an increased membership of the congregation and Sunday School.

The parochial report is as follows: Number of souls, about 163; number of communicants, 100; number of accessions by confirmation, etc., 22; of accessions by renewal, 9; number dropped from roll, 27; Sunday School officers and teachers, 12; scholars enrolled, 103; average attendance, 95.

The First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Decatur, Ill.—Rev. J. D. Roth, the Pastor, resigned and ended his labors June 21st, 1888. The congregation numbers at present thirty-eight confirmed members. The Sunday School numbered on July 1st, 1888, eight Teachers and an average attendance of forty-seven Scholars. About eighty names were enrolled. Two years ago the School numbered one-hundred. The Church Book is regularly used at the church services and the Sunday School Book and Lesson Leaves in the services of the Sunday School. The congregation is greatly in need of the regular services of a Pastor. The church building is located on a lot of ground, N. W. corner of North Main and Williams Streets. The dimensions of the lot are 80x152 feet. The church building measures 42x96 feet, including vestibule and rear. It has Sunday School rooms in the basement and a main auditorium on the second floor. The building, with steeple is in full gothic style. It is built of brick, with Dayton, Ohio, limestone trimmings. The roof is of slate. The Sunday School room alone has been so far prepared for occupation by the congregation and Sunday school. The lot of ground was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Beck, who purchased the lot at $4,000. When they proposed to present it to the congregation, the town offered $7,000 for thelot before the deed was given for the property. The building, as far as completed, cost $10,000, $5,000 of which has been paid, and $5,000 are still owing, covered by a mortgage of $3,000 and a loan of $2,000 from bank, for which two members are security. The $2,000 will become due in February 1889 and is giving much anxiety to the congregation. The $5,000 paid was secured as follows: from the congregation at Decatur, $1,900.00, from the Sunday school, $22.00, from sister Lutheran churches $642.41, from citizens of Decatur $1,694.78, interest on money in bank $39.00, for ground of excavation sold $40.00, from will of Leonard Lees, of Nokomis $500.00, from other sources $161.81. The charter of the congregation was obtained by the services of A. G. Weber, Esq. The deed is held by the trustees and deposited in a safe in the city.

The early call of a pastor to this field is very important, that the work that has thus far been accomplished may be marked by still greater success.

St. John's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minn. (Corner of 8th Avenue and 5th Street, South.) Rev. G. H. Trabert has been the pastor since the organization of the congregation in June, 1883. The congregation numbered at first, seven members, and numbers now one hundred and five. The Sunday school, which was organized before the congregation, consisted at first of

seven children and now numbers one hundred and twenty-five, who represent eight nationalities, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, German, English, Scotch, Bohemian and American. The full service of the Church Book is regularly used. The communion is administered on the first Sunday in January, March, July, September and November, as also, on Easter and Whit-Sunday. The attendance at the services on Sunday morning is about one hundred. Nearly one-half of the members are under twenty years of age. The Sunday school numbers at present fifteen officers and teachers, the number of scholars enrolled is one hundred and twenty-five and the average attendance is about ninety. The school has three departments—the infant, the intermediate and the Bible, The Sunday School Book and Little Children's Book are used in the services of the school. Childrens' Lesson Leaves, Biblical History, and Dr. Greenwald's Child's Book are used in instruction. Copies of the Busy Bee, Children's Friend and Seed Sower are regularly distributed. The Library numbers three hundred volumes, carefully selected by the pastor. The school contributed $80.00 in the year; one-half was given to benevolent objects including English Missions of the General Council and the other half for school purposes. Special collections for Library and children's festivals were $60.00. Christmas and Easter were observed by festivals. The school is attended by children of seven or eight nationalities.

The finances of the congregation showed that about two dollars are the average basket collections on Sunday. The envelope contributions for current expenses and interest on church debt amounted to about $400.00 per year. The congregation must pay $540.00 as interest on church debt, and paid in the past year for taxes and improvements, $315.00. During the year the congregation raised $1000.00 for current expenses, interest, taxes and insurance.

The renovation of the church building and improvements, including the removal of the building to the middle of the lot, cost about $1400, and perhaps more, of which amount $800 or more was contributed by the congregation. Nearly all of the balance was contributed by people of Minneapolis and collected by the pastor.

The lot on which the church and parsonage stand measures 132x160 feet. The property is estimated at $27,000 to $30,000, although the times are such that no real estate is changing hands. If 52x132 feet of the church lot can be sold to pay the debt of $9000 the congregation would be able to do much towards paying pastor's salary, etc. The present year is, however, not the time to sell. The congregation is incorporated. The deed is in charge of the trustees of the church, and deposited in a safe. The importance of the English

Lutheran Church in Minneapolis is evident, from the fact that in a city of nearly two hundred thousand people, it is the only Lutheran church in which English services are held. In Minneapolis there are four Swedish Lutheran, one Swedish Methodist and six other Swedish congregations; seven Norwegian Lutheran congregations, and two other Norwegian congregations; one Danish Lutheran, and one Finnish Lutheran congregation, four German Lutheran churches and seven missions; also, three Scandinavian missions. The necessity for the organization of an English Lutheran mission in the Western part of Minneapolis is evident from the fact that there are sixty Lutheran families between 24th and 40th streets and Hennepin and Stevens avenues, at least two and a half miles from St. John's church. No Lutheran church of any name is in that locality.

St. Paul's English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Red Wing, Minn., was organized in December, 1886. Rev. G. H. Trabert has ministered to the wants of this field. The congregation consists at present of twenty-two members. The Sunday school numbers 50 children. The services of the congregation and the sessions of the Sunday school are held in a hall for which rent must be paid. The people are very anxious to have a church building and a pastor to give his time to the congregation, to which Pastor Trabert cannot attend properly without detriment to the congregation at Minneapolis. Red Wing has a population of 8000 people. Many are Scandinavians and Germans. A Norwegian Lutheran Seminary is located at Red Wing. What may be accomplished at Red Wing will only become evident after a regular pastor is called to the field and a church building has been erected.

Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Duluth, Minn.—Was organized in September, 1887. It consisted of seven members. A Sunday School was organized in the Spring of 1888, which numbers twenty-five scholars. Pastor Trabert visited the field previous to the organization of the congregation, and during the year he and Pastor Gerberding, of Fargo, Dak., have supplied the people with the means of grace about once a month. The english services have been held in the Swedish Lutheran church, by the kind permission of the pastor and congregation. At a recent english service held in said church, there was an attendance of between fifty and sixty persons. Some were German, some of German descent, Swedes, Norwegians, Icelanders and Americans. There were representatives of the churches at Philadelphia, Sægertown, New Lebanon, Pa., Cleveland, Ohio, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Chicago, Illinois. The population of Duluth is nearly forty thousand, about one-

fifth of this number are Scandinavians. It is exceedingly important that an English Lutheran minister should be soon secured them, as only by faithful labor can the work at Duluth prosper.

St. Mark's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Fargo, Dak.—Rev. G. H. Gerberding, Pastor. The church was built in 1886, and consecrated in the same year by Rev. W. F. Ulery, who has labored amidst great self-denials and hardships in securing money and in manual labor in the erection of the building. The church building is a neat gothic structure—the most attractive church building in Fargo. It is supplied with two hundred assembly chairs instead of pews. The chancel floor and aisles have been lately carpeted by the Ladies' Aid Society, who also bought two handsome chancel chairs. The lecturn, pulpit and altar are of solid walnut. The building is lighted by a reflector and a large Rochester lamp. The church is still without an organ and rent must be paid for the use of an instrument. The cost of the church was about $4,000, all of which has been paid excepting a mortgage of $400, held by the Church Extension and Missionary Society of the Lutheran church. The parsonage on lot adjoining the church lot, was partially erected during pastor Ulery's ministry and completed in the beginning of pastor Gerberding's. It is a plain two-story frame house of six rooms. It is a substantial and comfortable building and its erection cost about $1,300, all of which is provided for. The location of the church and parsonage on southeast corner of 8th street and 4th avenue North, is between the railroad depots, and only two blocks from main business street and near the Scandinavian part of the town.

Pastor Gerberding took charge of the mission on July 1st, 1887. He preaches twice on each Sunday to an audience of thirty or forty persons, conducts the Sunday school and teaches the Bible class. He lectures on Wednesday evening. The Church Book is used in the church service, but as yet the responses have not been used for want of musical talent. The Sunday school meets at 12 M., on each Sunday and numbers about fifty scholars with three officers and five teachers. The Sunday School Book is regularly used. The Ladies' Aid Society, organized about January 1st, 1888, has rendered effectual service.

Pastor Gerberding added eight members in the past year. Twenty persons have communed during the year. The congregation has as members twelve Norwegians, or of Norwegian descent, five Germans and three Americans. Pastor Gerberding has never found a single person who has been a member of an English Lutheran church. He has but four male members. Many difficulties and many mis-

understandings had to be encountered in the past year, but the prospects of the congregation are brightening. There is material that ought to be in the English Lutheran church, but the gathering of the same into the church is slow and hard work.

Fargo has a population of eight thousand people. It has seventeen religious organizations and yet only eleven have church buildings. Among these the English Luthern church has an important work to accomplish. The English Lutheran congregation at Fargo is also of great importance in view of the establishment of "Hope Academy" at Moorehead, Minn., opposite Fargo, on the Red river of the North.

Memorial English Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. Paul Minn. Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, Pastor. The congregation was organized by Rev. G. H. Trabert in July, 1883. Pastor Haupt, who, as a student assisted Pastor Trabert in 1883, became the pastor in 1884. Services were first held in Sheiman's hall, subsequently in a school building, which was later removed to a lot which had been secured for a church purpose. The present church was built in 1885, and consecrated December, 1885. The lot is 60x120 feet and cost $5,500. The church building measures 37x50 feet, with study in the rear, and cost $4,500 when finished and furnished. The building is of brick and in style is square gothic. The interior has a fine chancel, comfortable pews, a good pipe organ. The chancel contains lecturn, pulpit and altar, with handsome cloths, the gifts of eastern friends, and also two walnut chairs. A beautiful memorial window is the gift of the pastor's parents and family in memory of a departed daughter and sister.

The debt on church property costing for lot $5,500 and for the church $4,500, total $10,000, is $4,500, for which a mortgage is held at 7 per cent. by parties in New York. The deed for the property is held by the Treasurer. The church building is located in the centre of the city, within four blocks of the state capitol and about the same distance from the court house. Street cars and cable line are found near the church. The congregation had at first six communicants. It has now ninety names on the record, twelve of whom have removed from the city but not yet taken their letters of dismission. The congregation would number about a hundred members, but nine have become members of Trinity congregation in West St. Paul. Church services are held on each Lord's Day, morning and evening. Average attendance about fifty persons. The members are scattered over a large territory in a radius of two to three miles. A service is held on Wednesday evening. Cate-

chism instruction is held twice in each week. Communion is held on the first Sunday of alternate months, beginning with January, unless Easter and Whit-sunday prevent. On Holy Thursday seventy communed and in September forty-two. The Sunday school numbers seven teachers and sixty-five scholars, of these, twenty-five are in the infant department. The Sunday School Book and Childrens' Friend are in use. The Bible is the text book for instruction. Sunday school papers are regularly distributed: Foreign Missionary, Olive Leaf and Seed Sower. Collections during the year were $125.00. Part of the money was for Sunday school library, part was sent to the Orphans' Home; donations were made to Theological Seminary, Foreign Missions and to the Fargo Home Missions. The membership of the congregation and attendants at the services are American, German and Scandinavian. They have their homes in St. Paul proper, on St. Anthony Hills, West 7th Street District, Arlington Hills and Dayton Bluff, in about twenty square miles.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West St. Paul, Minn.— The congregation was organized in July, 1886, with Pastor Haupt of Memorial Church, as President of the Church Council. The congregation numbers twenty-two confirmed members, nine of whom had been members at Memorial Church in St. Paul. A class of twelve catechumens is under instruction at present. Sixteen persons communed on September 9th. Mr. Willard Smith of the senior class of Theological Seminary in Philadelphia has labored faithfully in West St. Paul, from June 1st to September 9th. The congregation is very anxious to have a regular pastor able to devote his time to the work. The church building is at the corner of Ada and Robie streets on a lot 50x117 feet. The lot cost $1,700 and is now valued at $3,000. The church building is in basilica gothic style. The cost of erection was $3,050. The church has a tower of seventy-five feet. The chancel furniture is in wild cherry wood. Lecturn, pulpit, altar, with cloths of suitable color. There are no pews but chairs are used. A cabinet organ is used regularly. The interior of the church is beautiful, it has fine gothic arches, supported on columns and brackets, finished in wild cherry. There is plain glass in the windows, matting in the aisles, and carpet in the chancel. The lot cost $1,700, and the building $3,050, total $4,750, of this $2,500 are covered by a mortgage, and $2,250 were collected. Rev E. F. Krause, who, when a student in the Theological Seminary, spent a vacation in St. Paul and labored among the people in West St. Paul, collected $400, and pastor Haupt the

balance. The congregation is incorporated. The deed is held by pastor Haupt at the request of the trustees. The church building is so arranged that it can easily be extended in the rear. The Sunday school numbers thirty scholars. The congregation and Sunday school are not one year old.

West St. Paul has a large population, including many Lutherans, who should be properly cared for and among whom a faithful English pastor ought to be able to gather a large English congregation.

St Mark's English Evangelical Lutheran Church, North St. Paul, Minn.—A town six miles north of St. Paul, and with a population of 1,500, was built in the past council year. The lot was donated. It is valued at about $500. The church building is similar in style to the building in West St. Paul. The chancel furniture is very plain. Chairs are used in place of pews. The chapel organ is the gift of Mr. J. G. Earhuff, a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Chicago, who has removed his organ factory to North St. Paul. The lot, as stated, was donated. The building cost $3,000, of this amount $1,100 were secured by pastor Haupt by collections and contributions, and $1,900 by loan, at 5 per cent. North St. Paul has not grown as some men expected. St. Mark's Church was built in view of the promises given and the hopes occasioned. If the population of the town will increase, the prospects of St. Mark's Church will brighten. No congregation has been organized as yet.

The Committee in the past year endeavored to secure a Missionary for Duluth, Minn., and one for Red Wing and West St. Paul, Minn. The one requested to visit Duluth declined to do so as he did not wish to remain in the West, and the one invited to visit Red Wing and West St. Paul declined, as he regarded the two fields as too great a mission for one man if he would wish to do justice to either.

Pastors Trabert and Haupt each asked for an additional Missionary. Both were informed that if they could secure suitable men the committee would appropriate salaries and provide expenses within a certain limit.

The committee conferred with a young teacher with reference to Mission work in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He gave as his opinion that a man connected with the Wisconsin Synod, or else an entire stranger to that body, should be sent there.

The attention of the committee was directed to the importance of establishing English Missions in Boston, New Haven and other places in the New England States.

The committee instructed one of its number to visit Newark, N. J., to learn the prospects of establishing an English Lutheran Church

in a city of 170,000 inhabitants and yet without an English Lutheran Church.

Services were held on four Sundays by different ministers and a number of persons showed much interest in the establishment of an English Lutheran Church at Newark.

The Treasurer was able to pay the principal and interest of what was owing to *Thiel College*.

Rev. W. F. Ulery sent a satisfactory itemized statement of receipts and expenditures at Fargo, Dak., in builing church and parsonage.

The committee has elected and called a Superintendent of Missions, who has as yet not seen his way clear to accept the call.

The committee deemed it necessary to the interest of our Mission work to appoint one of its members to visit all the Mission fields before the present meeting of the General Council. He has visited all the Missions under the care of your committee as well as other points where Missions are contemplated. Some of the results of his visitation in information secured are embodied in this report. His report in full for the committee is prepared and will be submitted at its first meeting.

The treasurer's report for the year, duly audited, is also herewith submitted as part of this report.

Abstract of Report of the Treasurer of the English Home Mission Committee.

DR.

Balance on hand at last report	$ 674	89
From Congregations	1,875	81
" Sunday Schools and Young Peoples Missionary Societies	1,188	52
" Women's Missionary Societies	567	87
" Individuals	370	05
" Rev. G. F. Kotet, D. D., President of Ministerium	50	00
" Interest on Deposits	14	92
	$4,742	06
" Cash	6	58
		$4,748 64

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Remittances to Rev. G. H. Geberding	$1,000 00
" " " G. H. Trabert	1,000 00
" " " A. J. D. Haupt	600 00
" " W. Wattles, debt to Thiel College	529 35

Remittances to Rev. J. F. Beates	302	09
" " " J. D. Roth	200	00
" " " F. J. F. Schantz,	125	00
" " " W. F. Ulery	45	00
" " " D. L. Fogleman	37	00
" For expenses at Newark	19	00
" To Professor J. P. Uhler	15	00
Balance	876	14
	$4,748	64

Further Analysis.

Of the $1,875.81 paid in by thirty-six congregations, $1,052.80 was paid by three of them.

Of the $1,188 52 paid in by twenty-five Sunday schools and Missionary Societies. $501.43 was paid by two of them.

Of the $567.87 paid in by five Womens' Missionary Societies, $484.52 was paid by two of them.

Of the $370.05 paid in by twenty-one individuals, $212.50 was paid by two of them.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BEATES, *Treasurer*,
509 Market Street, Philadelphia.

August 30th, 1888.

We, the undersigned, Auditing Committee, respectfully report that we have examined the foregoing report and abstracts and find them to be correct according to the books of the treasurer.

JAS. H. WOLFE,
J. JACOB MOHR.

The Treasurer's report was offered and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. F. A. Kæhler.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, September 15th, 2:00 P. M.

Opening services were conducted by Rev. Enoch Smith, and the minutes were read and approved.

The President read a letter from Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs, asking to be excused from serving on the statistical committee; referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The consideration of the report on English Home Missions was resumed, and the report was adopted with the understanding that

the committee shall append to it a summary of the English Home Mission Work of the District Synods.

It was *Resolved*, That the German and Swedish Recording Secretaries be instructed to have the President's sermon, delivered at the opening of this Convention, translated into their respective languages and given as extensive circulation as possible in the German and Swedish Church papers, and that Rev. A. Wright translate and publish the same in the Norwegian Church papers,

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. Passavant.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, September 17th, 9:00 A. M.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. Kaehler.

The consideration of English Home Mission work was resumed, and the Committee on English Home Missions was instructed to appoint one or more Missionary Secretaries, Superintendents or Agents as soon as practicable.

It was also *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to apportion the amount of money required for the Mission Work, Home and Foreign, among the Synods, and that the several Mission committees furnish this committee with the necessary estimates of the amount needed. The President appointed

THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz,
" J. F. Fahs,
" C. Koerner,
" C. A. Svenssen,
" F. A. Kaehler.

Mr. A. G. Potteiger,
" G. W. Swain,
" I. S. Motter, Esq.
" J. G. Wagner.

Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant offered to provide the necessary funds to support a second traveling Missionary Secretary for the current year. His proposition was accepted and he was requested to place said fund in the hands of the Committee on English Home Missions.

A committee was appointed to nominate persons for the English and German Home Mission committees, and for the Committee on Foreign Missions, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker,	Mr. B. Olssen,
" Dr. W. A. Passavant,	" R. A. Baer,
" H. Grahn,	" L. Kaufman,
" J. H. Hunton,	" L. H. Leiss,
" S. P. A. Lindahl,	" A. G. Potteiger,
" C. N. Conrad,	" John Gangware.

The subject of German Home Missions was then taken up and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That as no report has been submitted from the committee on German Home Missions, the members of said committee here present be requested to furnish such information concerning the proceedings and work of the committee as is in their power. Rev. J. Nickum therefore offered the following which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes:

Report on the German Home Mission Work.

We, the undersigned, members of the German Committee for Home Missions, present at this Convention of the General Council, regret to state that, as far as we know, aside from the report of the Treasurer, no report on the work entrusted to his care has been prepared by the proper officers of the committee to be presented at this meeting of the Council. This may be owing to the fact that the President and Secretary of the committee are at present in Europe. As the Council would otherwise have no report before it on this important branch of its work, we deem it our duty to present such facts from the field of operation of this committee as are within the sphere of our knowledge, trusting to your indulgence, if the statement is not as comprehensive as desired.

1. The Committee and its Meetings.

During the year last past the newly constituted committee held four meetings, to-wit: On September 29th and October 14th, 1887, on February 12th and May 8th 1888. At the first meeting, the election of officers was held which resulted in the choice of Rev. F. Wischan, Chairman; Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Recording Secretary; Rev. Dr. E. F. Moldenke, Corresponding Secretary; and Rev. J. J. Kuendig, Treasurer. The October meeting was held only a few days after the one in September, and was for the purpose of having a conference with Rev. J. Paulsen, of Kropp. As this meeting was called so soon after the first it was out of question for a number of members living at great distance to attend. At the meeting in Feb-

ruary, two protests were presented and entered upon the minutes. The one by Rev. A. Richter, signed by nine members of the committee and directed against the publication of a monthly, called "Kelle and Schwert," which, on its title page, bears the name of one of the committee as editor, and pretends to represent and further the German Home Missionary work of the General Council. This protest declared that said publication in no wise represented the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council or its causes, and that by its malignant spirit it only seriously injured the cause it pretended to foster. The second protest was presented by one of the subscribers to this report and was likewise signed by a majority of the committee. It was directed against the uncalled for, unjust, and violent attacks of Pastor J. Paulsen upon our Philadelphia Seminary and upon several of its professors, and exceedingly regretted that Rev. Paulsen should be so blinded and biased as not to see that what he and the churches in America have established at great sacrifice he now so wantonly destroys.

2. *The Institution at Kropp.*

January 24th, 1888, Inspector Pfaff writes: "Besides Pastor Paulsen there are seven teachers engaged in instructing the forty-five students who attend the seminary. Twenty-seven of these are beneficiaries. For each one of these $100 are expected from America." Rev. Pfaff adds: "We must most decidedly insist on this that all our students finish their course of study *here*, and that they must *here* pass their examination; and we must further demand that upon the manner in which they pass their examination *here* must depend their "austellungs fæhigkeit," *i. e.*, capability of being appointed to pastorates in America. Otherwise it would be entirely impossible for us to work here. Not only would we teachers lose the necessary delight in our work, but also our students would not work as they now do."—(*Siloah, April, 1888.*)

In the beginning of May, four candidates were sent over, viz: William Euchler, Herman Rippe, Gerhard Holm and Gunther Brackebusch. In June three more came over. Their names are Koch, Jubell and Kionka, whilst a fourth one, von Bosse, is obliged to do military service before coming over.—(*Siloah, June and August, 1888.*) Counting these eight, there are now thirty young men in America who have pursued the regular course of study in Kropp, besides several others who have come from there and have been more or less connected with the institution.

Since the last meeting of the General Council the following sums have been expended in connection with the institution at Kropp:

teachers salaries $500, support of students $309.22, traveling expenses, etc., of students from Kropp $669.29, contributions especially intended for Kropp $1,639.78, total $3,118.29.

Last year the General Council constituted the German Home Missionary Committee part of a Commission to "confer with Rev. J. Paulsen, in reference to our relations to his institution," and declared "that the result of the agreement that may be entered into between the two parties, shall go into temporary effect, subject, however, to such changes as the General Council may, at its next Convention, be pleased to make."

Not desiring to forstall the official report of that commission, we desire to say so much in this connection: that the representatives of the Council by a majority of four-fifths, upon motion of Dr. Seiss, *Resolved*, That it is undesirable, as well as impolitic, to enter into any connection with the institution at Kropp, or to maintain any relation to it in the future. If this action is not reversed at this meeting of the Council, the relation which your committee has hitherto sustained to the institution referred to ceases and terminates.

3. The Work in America.

The operations of the committee during the past year have extended over the States of *Nebraska* and *Texas*, as well as over the territory of *Dakota*.

Nebraska.—Rev. J. Deguisne still serves St. John's church at Isla and Zion's church at Milton. At the latter place a building is being erected for a dwelling of a pastor and for school purposes. The pastor lives twenty-five miles distant and a missionary ought to be stationed there. Our missionary there bitterly complains because of the proselyting of the preacher of the Evangelical Association at Milton, among the members of the Lutheran congregation.—(*Siloah, March, 1888.*) The congregation at Isla, Saunders county, Nebraska, possesses two acres of land, a parsonage and a church-building, for which it expended $1,130. Rev. Deguisne received $225 support from your committee.

Texas.—The March number of "Siloah" contains reports from several missionaries in Texas. Rev. E. Huber, President of the Synod of Texas, writes that four or five missionaries are greatly needed there. Whether any of the men who have arrived during this summer from Kropp, have been sent to Texas by the officers of your committee we have not learned. In the October number of "Siloah," it was stated that of the twenty-two graduates from Kropp, only two were engaged in Texas. Four missionaries have

received support from the committee to the extent of $700. Rev. F. Weisskopf is stationed at Leguin. He regularly serves three congregations, viz: Leguin, Elm Creek, and Kingsbury. At the latter place a church has but recently been organized. The mission at Kingsbury has secured an eligible site for a building. It is 90x130 feet in size, and steps are being taken to erect a church. Belmont, fifty miles distant, had to be given up. The missionary had been invited to organize a congregation in another town, but was obliged to decline. There ought to be a missionary sent to Kingsbury. The missionary received $100 support.

Cuero.—This church was organized by neighboring pastors and received into the Texas Synod in 1887. Rev. C. Butterman became pastor two years ago. He writes: "there is a population of twenty-five hundred in Cuero, and one-third of them are Germans, The average attendence at the church services numbers forty; at the Sunday school sixty. During 1887 I baptised nineteen, confirmed seventeen, gave communion to forty-nine persons, married eight couple and attended to three funerals. We have purchased a lot on which to build a church. It measures 60x125. We paid $400 for it $700 have been secured towards building. But $1,000 will be necessary and we expect to get them." Rev. Butterman received $100 from the committee.

Brenham.—The condition of affairs in Brenham is not clear. Rev. Kashner was stationed here and supported by your committee. He built a house at his own expense and risk, appealed for aid and left Brenham somewhat suddenly. President Huber writes: "About $1,200 have been subscribed towards building a church. Neighboring pastors supply the Lutherans at Brenham. An energetic man ought to be sent there at once." The Treasurer reports $100 as having been sent to Rev. E. Huber, of Brenhem, as salary.

Austin.—St. Martin's congregation, in this city, was organized in 1883, by Rev. Merz. In 1885 a beautiful building was reared on a lot in close proximity to the State capitol. Adjoining the church, a parsonage was erected which the congregation has since purchased. The property of the congregation represents a value of $10,000. A debt of $4,300 is resting upon it. Fully one-half of this bears interest at 8 per cent. A congregational school has been established. The missionary, Rev. E. Metzenthen, received $400 support.

Dakota.—Rev. A Detrick labors in Dakota, and received, last year, $300 support. In addition to Thalheim, Stark County, and Mandan, which churches he served already last year, he preaches regularly at

Little Heart and Hanover, Oliver County. At the place last mentioned, Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in March last. A church building will soon be erected. These stations are many miles apart and in making his rounds the missionary has frequently to endure great hardships.

What disposition, if any, has been made of the men that last came from Kropp, we know not. Several have found congregations in the synods of Michigan, Canada, New York, and Pennsylvania. The German Home Mission work of the General Council has entered upon a most critical period. Much depends upon a judicious selection of the men who are to carry on this work in the future. We need men who will prosecute this important undertaking in sympathy with our established institutions; men who work in harmony with the Synods and measures of this Council; men who have confidence in us and in whom we can have confidence, and who are with us of one mind and heart.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LANGENSTEIN,
J. G. WAGNER,
J. NICUM,

Members of the Board of German Home Missions of the General Council.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN, September 15th, 1888.

Rev. J. Nicum also offered the report of the Treasurer of German Home Missions, and the financial report on "Siloah," which were received and referred to an auditing committee, as follows: Rev. Dr. J. Fry, and Messrs. A. W. Potteiger and A. Bendel.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE GERMAN HOME MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

RECEIPTS.

To balance from last report		$ 2 74
To contributions by various German Congregations and individual contributors	2,055 12	
To profit on German publications of the General Council, from Mr. Wm. H. Staake, jr., per Rev. F. Wischan	666 66	
To Mr. Wm. H. Staake, Treasurer, per Rev. F. Wischan	121 42	
For Educational Institution at Kropp, as designated by contributors	1,639 78	
		$4,485 72

EXPENDITURES.

By Educational Institution at Kropp, as designated by contributors	$1,639 78	
By Mr. Rembe, Cand. theol	13 50	
By printing, circulars, telegrams, freight, etc	24 60	
By traveling expenses and board for Mr. Kionka, Cand. theol	33 35	
By salary Rev. E. Metzenthin, Austin, Texas, Missionary	400 00	
By Rev. A. Dietrich, Missionary, Dakota	300 00	
By Rev. Dr. G. A. Hinterleitner, for Mr. Holm, Cand. theol., postage, board, laundry, etc	65 94	
By Rev. J. Deguisne, Missionary, Nebraska, salary	225 00	
By Rev. E. Huber, Brenham, Texas, salary	100 00	
By Rev. J. Paulsen, Kropp, traveling expenses for eight students	400 00	
By Rev. F. Veit, Tavistock, Ontario, for Mr. Guenther, Cand. theol	25 00	
By Rev. F. Wischan, telegrams to and from Dakota, freight, etc	5 72	
By Rev. Buttermann, Cuero, Texas, salary	100 00	
By Rev. Fr. Weiskopff, Seguin, Texas, salary	100 00	
By Instructor's salary at Kropp	500 00	
By traveling expenses of Missionaries in America	80 00	
By support of students at Kropp	309 22	
		$4,322 11
Balance on hand		$ 163 61

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. KUENDIG, *Tresurer.*

The above account has been audited and found correct.

J. FRY,
A. W. POTTEIGER,
A. BENDEL.

FINANCIAL REPORT ON OUR GERMAN HOME MISSION PAPER, SILOAH, FROM SEPTEMBER 3RD, 1887, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1888.

RECEIPTS.

Balance Sept. 3rd, 1887	$ 6 68	
From subscribers, through our agent, the Rev. C. G. Fisher	815 69	
Total		$822 37

EXPENDITURES.

For 13 Nos. of Siloah (September 1887 until September 1888, inclusive) 7,000 copies	$617 62	
Postage, express, etc	4 31	
Electrotypes for three months more	36 30	
Total		$658 23
Balance in hand		$164 14

The President read a letter from the President of the Danish Lutheran Church of America, and also one from Rev. R. Anderson, President of the Eastern District of the same body, which were reported to the Committee on the President's Report.

An invitation to visit St. Paul was received and accepted; and Wednesday afternoon was fixed as the time.

Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth offered the following:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RELATION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL TO THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT KROPP.

Your committee would respectfully report that they met twice to consider and act upon the matter referred to them.

The first meeting took place October 14th, 1887, in the Seminary Building in Philadelphia. The following members of the Committee were present: Rev. Drs. J. A. Seiss, C. W. Schaeffer, W. J. Mann, H. E. Jacobs and G. A. Hinterleitner, Revs. F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, J. Kuendig and George C. F. Haas, and Messrs. A. Bendel, F. Bauer and M. Langenstein. There was also present Rev. J. Paulsen, of Kropp. Dr. Seiss was chosen Chairman, and Rev. George C. F. Haas Secretary of the meeting.

After considerable discussion of the subject before them, several resolutions were passed, looking towards an arrangement according to which students from Kropp might spend more time at the Philadelphia Seminary in completion of their studies, and recognizing the fact that the General Council is under obligations, and ought, if possible, grant material assistance to Kropp, which matter was ultimately referred to a sub-committee, which should report in a subsequent meeting.

A second meeting was held also in the Seminary Building at Philadelphia, on February 16th, 1888. At this meeting were present. Rev. Drs. J. A. Seiss, W. J. Mann, C. W. Schaeffer, A. Spaeth, H. E. Jacobs, S. Laird and G. A. Hinderleitner, Revs. J. Steinhaeuser, A. Richter, J. Nicum, F. Wischan, F. W. Weiskotten, J. Keundig, George C. F. Haas, J. J. Heischmann and Messrs. W. H. Staake, Esq., J. H. Geissenhainer, Esq., H. Lehmann, A. Bendel, J. G. Wagner, F. Bauer and M. Langenstein.

Dr. Spaeth presided at the meeting.

It was resolved that the whole action taken at the first meeting of the Committee be rescinded, and then after a full and free expression of opinion on the question referred to the Committee, it was further *Resolved*, "That in the deliberate judgment of this Committee it is

undesirable and impolitic for the General Council to form or continue any official, legal or organic connection or arrangements whatever with the Theological School at Kropp." Ayes: Drs. Schaeffer, Mann, Spaeth, Jacobs, Seiss, Laird, Revs. Weiskotten, Richter, Nicum, Haas, Steinhaeuser, Heischmann, Messrs. Staake, Lehmann, Wagner and Langenstein—16; Nays: Dr. Heinterleitner, Revs. Wischan and Keundig, and Mr. Bendel—4. Mr. Geissenhainer was absent at the time the vote was taken, and Mr. Bauer abstained from voting.

This result obtained, the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE.

GEO. C. F. HAAS, *Secretary.*

Received for consideration.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. T. N. Hasselquist.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, September 17th, 2 P.M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. A. J. D. Haupt, and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the committee on the Seminary at Kropp was taken up for consideration, and Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker offered a series of resolutions in regard to its subject matter, which was referred to a special committee as follows, to report to-morrow morning:

Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant,	Mr. J. A. Enander,
" " A. Spaeth,	" T. H. Diehl,
" " B. M. Schmucker,	" W. Hauff,
" " T. N. Hasselquist,	
" " T. L. Seip.	

The Swedish Committee on Home Missions then presented their report, which was received and ordered to be printed, as follows:

Report on Swedish Home Missions.

To the Venerable General Council:

The Swedish committee on Home Missions has continued its operations during the past year according to instructions from the Synod. Its present field is in main the same as that of last year.

On the Pacific coast our efforts have been signally blessed, so that the future of our church in that part of our country is now

fully assured. The church in San Francisco is no longer supported by the mission committee. Through the indefagitable efforts of our faithful brother, Rev. J. Telleen, the work in San Francisco has continually developed, both as to number [and in spiritual grace and strength. Instead of being itself supported it now helps to support other missions.

Oakland California, was greatly neglected until two years ago this fall. Then Rev. A. M. LeVean accepted a call to this mission and began work there in earnest. Through the faithful work of this zealous brother, the church has steadily increased. A splendidly located and valuable lot, with a church building on it, was secured. The congregation, however, has paid only a small part of the purchase price, and at present its pastor is traveling among our churches, soliciting funds wherewith to reduce, and if possible, pay off the debt. This accomplished, we are in great hope that the mission church in Oakland will soon be self-supporting.

Our work at San Jose continues to improve. The Rev. Mr. P. A. Fair is laboring in that field very successfully. In addition to San Jose, a number of mission places where we soon hope to establish congregations are also under the care of brother Fair. Hence it is a question of but a short time until we must have more laborers in that part of the vineyard. At present, Pastor Fair is on an extended tour through the southern part of California, in order to explore the field, and he finds such an opening that he calls for one or two missionaries to come there at once and organize new missions in several counties. God grant that we had the men to send him.

We have organized a congregation in St. Louis, Cispo County. During the past year, a great many Swedes have removed thither, and at present everything points to the building up of a very prosperous church in the near future. Rev. E. Norelius was called as pastor of the church, but could not come. This, of course, was very discouraging to the church.

At Kingsbury, Fresna County, we have also a small organization asking for a pastor. Another one at Los Angelos, at present supplied by a student from Augustana College. At San Diago, River Side, and other places, we have begun operations. As yet, the committee is in want of both men and means in order to push the work as it should be done.

The church at Portland, Oregon, is to the northern part of the Pacific coast, as the Ebenezer of San Francisco is to the southern part. These two congregations are the mother churches, each being a centre of operations. Rev. J. W. Skaus, the pastor of our church at Portland, rejoices in seeing that his labor is not in vain in the

Lord. The church is now self-supporting and takes an active part in the general mission work. Rev. A. A. Sward is stationed at Marshfield, Oregon. Van Couver has been visited by Rev. L. O. Lind, who reports the outlook there as encouraging.

The largest charge, by far, of any of our missionaries on the Pacific coast, is that of the Rev. G. A. Anderson, of Tacoma, Washington Territory. The committee, has as yet, not been able to find brother Anderson a helper, and, as a consequence, the whole territory around Puget Sound is left in his care. The most important points in those regions are Tacoma and Seattle. Brother Anderson's reports tell us of success in his work, and are encouraging for the future. In each report the cry from Macedonia: "Come over and help us," is reached.

Our veteran Missionary on the Pacific coast, Rev. P. Carlsson, is laboring with his well-known zeal and unswerving faithfulness at Cardelia and Moscow, Idaho Territory.

In order to be more united and to more fully carry on the work on the Pacific Coast, the congregations out there have organized themselves into a Conference of their own, to be known by the name: The Pacific Conference of the Augustana Synod. It is to be hoped that this name may be abundantly blessed, both to the pastors and churches in the land of the setting sun.

The Pacific Conference will, just as the other conferences of our Synod, superintend and support the mission work within its territory. The mission committee has therefore been instructed by the Synod to aid the weaker conferences with the funds coming into the general mission treasury during the year. In compliance with this instruction, the committee will support a traveling missionary in Nebraska. Within the bounds of the New York Conference the committee will pay part of the salary of a traveling missionary in Massachusetts, and aid our congregations in New Sweden, Maine, Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, Pa.

The Pacific Conference needs in the future, as heretofore, the same support, and in addition, means wherewith to open up new fields.

The mission fields of the different Conferences must be first attended to, and since their area is so vast the Committee can not as yet take up any other field. As soon as possible, however, when the Committee gets men and means sufficient to insure success, a Mis sion will be established in Canada.

The Immigrant Mission.—Mr. A. B. Lilja continues his important work in New York. An Immigrant Missionary has also been appointed at Boston. The Missionary in Chicago is supported by the Illinois Conference.

The Mormon Mission.—In spite of all opposition, this mission has steadily prospered. Our Missionary, Rev. J. A. Krantz, has for a long time been our only Missionary in Utah. His patient and faithful labors have been fruitful. The congregation in Salt Lake City has continually grown, and has become a haven to many poor, deluded countrymen who have returned, and through the Gospel of Christ, once more attain unto peace and rest to their souls.

A graded school, under the superintendency of our Missionary, with several teachers, has been established in Salt Lake City. Rev. E. Hedin has lately accepted a call, and will be located at Prava, Utah. Rev. F. A. Linder, now of Colorado, will next month remove to Oregon, and Rev. G. A. Stenbary will be established on an entirely new field in the Sodom of the Latter Day Saints. Surely, through the arrival of these three brethren, brother Krantz can but feel exceedingly encouraged, and through the combined efforts of these missionaries the work of saving these civilized heathens, if you please, will be pushed with greater vigor than ever before. The Augustana Synod instructed its President at the last convention to visit the Mormon Mission some time this fall, in order to confer with the brethren as to the development of this important mission.

The receipts for Home Missions during the year were $15,907.30. Of this amount only $2,102.61 were handed over to the General Home Mission Committee. The balance was expended by the Conferences in supporting and developing the cause of missions.

The expenses of the Committee were $5,977.76. Hence the necessity of increased income if our mission work shall not be curtailed, is apparent.

The receipts for the Morman Mission were $29,14.70, and the expenditures $1,597.40. For the cause of Foreign Missions $2,717.93 have been received, and of this amount $1,000 are to be paid to the support of the Telugu Mission.

The Mission field of our Synod is exceedingly great. At present it covers nearly the whole or the United States. At the last meeting of our Synod 29 young men were ordained as pastors, and we rejoiced greatly, as indeed we had cause, over these re-enforcements, but when they are distributed through the different conferences, they appear only as a drop in the ocean. Four of our pastors, young, powerful and full of courage and faith, have, during this year, been called to their reward. Though we would not grudge them the glories of the heavenly rest, we nevertheless keenly feel their absence among us.

Our want of pastors is general. Several of our older and larger

congregations are vacant, and new churches are continually asking for shepherds without getting any.

Under such circumstances it is impossible to muster enough forces for the Mission Field. As there is a dearth of men, so also of means. Many of our congregations are panting under heavy loads occasioned by church debts. Our educational institutions, moreover, present claims in favor of buildings, support and debts, which are exceedingly hard to meet. The most earnest efforts and the greatest sacrifices seem almost of no avail. Had we not in days gone by learned that the Lord is our helper, we should needs despair. Yet, will we abide by his immovable promises, and, since Christ has called us with a holy calling, and given us an open door to do his work, He shall also vouchsafe unto us whatsoever we need in order to prosecute the work according to His will.

S. P. A. Lindahl, *Chairman.*

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 14th, 1888.

It was *Resolved*, That we, having heard with great satisfaction the report on the Swedish Augustana Synod's Home Mission work, express our gratitude to God for the marked blessing He has bestowed upon its faithful efforts, and the honor He has conferred upon it in calling it to a task so great in its proportions and so rich in its promises.

The Committee on Minutes of Synods was instructed to report in tabulated form the number of Missions, and the amount of money raised for the Mission work of the General Home Mission Committees, and of the Synods of the General Council. Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker offered the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, which was adopted. (See appendix).

An invitation to a reception by the Young Peoples' Societies the Augustana, St. John's and Emanuel's Churches, in the basement of the Augustana Church, on Tuesday evening, was received and accepted.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip.

On Monday evening a Foreign Missionary Meeting was held in St. John's Church, which was addressed by Revs. G. W. Mechling and J. A. Krantz; also in the Swedish Augustana Church, with addresses by Revs. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, S. P. A. Lindahl and Dr. T. N. Hasselquist.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, September 18, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Beates. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. O. Lockensgaard, of Granite Falls, Minn., was introduced to the Council.

Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl read a letter from Rev. J. Telleen, of San Francisco, California, regretting his inability to attend this Convention, praying for God's blessing upon it, and earnestly calling its attention to the great importance of English Home Mission Work on the Pacific Coast. This communication was referred to a special committee, as follows, to report to-morrow morning:

REV. DR. REPASS,
REV. L. GROH,
REV. S. P. A. LINDAHL.
REV. DR. G. D. BERNHEIM.
MR. G. W. SWAIN,
MR. J. A. ENANDER.

The Committee to which the resolutions in regard to the Seminary at Kropp were referred, offered the following report, which was considered by items, and finally adopted:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH THE RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO THE SEMINARY AT KROPP WERE REFERRED.

Resolved, That in adopting this report we lay down the following rules and instructions which the German Home Mission Committee is to observe in carrying on this work in the future.

1. That it is not expedient for the General Council to have a Theological Seminary in Germany to which the entire theological education of our future German pastors should be committed.

2. That the chief source of supply of laborers in the German, as in our other mission fields, should be found in our own congregations, and that such persons should be trained, as far as possible, in our own institutions.

3. That for this end, our pastors should be delegated to find devout young men in their congregations, who are willing to enter the ministry and that the Wagner College, in Rochester, be strongly recommended as a proper institution to prepare them for the seminary in Philadelphia.

4. That, nevertheless, under the present circumstances it is highly desirable and necessary that young men should be secured from Germany, and that for this end, the committee shall be empowered to enter into arrangements with one or more institutions in Germany, provided, first, that these arrangements receive the approval of the trustees of the General Council, and secondly, that such institutions have only a preparatory character.

THE COMMITTEE.

The committee on last years' minutes offered their report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

REPORT

OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF THE LAST CONVENTION.

Several items in the minutes of the last convention demand the attention of this meeting.

Page 57–66: A committee on the Divine Law of Marriage was appointed; is that committee ready to report?

Page 68–69: Relations to the Theological Seminary in Chicago: Dr. Passavant reported that some progress had been made toward the selection of suitable persons for the Board of Directors of said seminary, under the limitations of this Council, (page 57.) Has anything further been done in this line?

Page 71: A committee was appointed to gather statistics as to the number of Women's Societies for church work, contributions, etc., within the bounds of the General Council; is the report of said committee ready?

Page 71: The committee to which was referred the consideration of the feasibility of the publication of a German official paper for this Council is also asked to inform this body, at this meeting of the conclusion reached by them.

A number of other matters contained in these minutes, have already been disposed of or will yet come up in the regular order through other committees.

Respectfully,

ENOCH SMITH,
W. A. PASSAVANT, Jr.,
B. OLSSON.

The committee on the Divine Law of Marriage reported progress and was continued.

The report on the Theological Seminary will be offered this afternoon.

A committee on Woman's work was appointed, as follows: Revs. C. Kœrner, R. F. Weidner and Mr. L. M. Melander.

The committee to publish an "official organ" reported progress and was discharged.

A communication from the General Conference of the M. E. Church was announced by the President, and referred to a committee composed of Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip, Rev. Sjoblom and Messrs. A. G. Anderson and C. Snyder.

Rev. Dr. Schmucker read the statistics of the East India Mission, and the instructions given to the committee on Foreign Missions last year were renewed.

The committee on Sunday school work offered the following, which was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes:

Report of Committee on Sunday-School Work.

COURSE OF STUDY.

A. PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

(a). Pictures.

(1). *Festival Portion of the Church Year.*

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, AND EPIPHANY SEASONS.

Luke 2: 1—10. The Nativity.
Matth. 2: 1—12. The Coming of the Wise Men.
Luke 2: 41—52. Christ at 12 years in the Temple.
Matth. 14: 22—33. Christ walking on the Sea.
Mark 5: 22—43. Christ raising Jairus' Daughter.

SEPTUAGESIMA, SEXAGESIMA, QUINQUAGESIMA.

Mark 10: 13—16. Christ blessing little Children.
Luke 15: 11—32. The Return of the Prodigal.

LENT.

Matth. 21: 1—9. Christ riding into Jerusalem.
John 19: 1—16. Christ before Pilate.
Matth. 19: 1—16. The Crucifixion,

EASTER SEASON.

Luke 24: 1—9. The Resurrection.
Luke 24. 13—31. The Two Disciples.

ROGATE AND EXAUDI.

Acts 1: 4—12. The Ascension.

WHIT-SUNTIDE.

Acts 2: 1—13. The Coming of the Holy Ghost.

(2). *Non-Festival Portion of the Church Year.*

SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY.

Gen. 4: 3—16. The Killing of Abel.
Gen. 8: 15—22. Noah's Offering.
Gen. 22: 1—14. Abraham offering Isaac.
Gen. 37: 1—28. Joseph sold by his brethren.
Gen. 45: 1—15. Joseph making himself known.
Deut. 2: 1—10. The finding of Moses.
Deut. 32: 1—20. Moses breaking the tables of the Law.
I Sam., 17: 32—52. David slaying Goliath.
II Kings, 2: 1—4. The Translation of Elijah.
Dan. 6: 1—24. Daniel in the lions' den.

(b). Catechism.

Commandments, Creed, and Lord's Prayer.

(c). Little Children's Book.

Service, Prayers, Psalms, and Hymns to be memorized, with special observance of the Church Year in the selection of the Hymns and Prayers. All instruction in this department to be oral.

Aids suggested for the use of teachers: My First Book (Ochsenford); The Child's Book (Greenwald); Stories from Bible History (Houpt).

B. INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT. (FOUR YEARS).

First Year.

(a). Biblical History: Old Testament.
(b). Catechism. Plain text of the Five Parts to be memorized.

Second Year.

(a). Biblical History: New Testament.
(b). Catechism continued.

Third Year.

(a). Elementary Lesson Leaf.
(b). Catechism: Five Parts, with the Proof Texts. G. C. edition).

Fourth Year.

(a). Elementary Lesson Leaf.
(b). Catechism, with Proof Texts, continued.

NOTE:—During the first and second years, on the Sunday nearest Christmas, and on Easter and Whit-Sunday, the Festival Gospel or other suitable lesson shall be used instead of the lesson in the book.

The condition for admission to this department shall be ability to read fairly well.

C. ADVANCED DEPARTMENT. (FOUR YEARS).

First Year.

(a). Lesson Leaf.

(b). Catechism, with Explanations: Mann & Krotel, Hanover, or Pontoppidan.

Second Year.

(a). Lesson Leaf.

(b). Catechism, with Explanations, continued.

Third Year.

(a). Lesson Leaf.

(b). Catechism as before, or, if completed, the Canticles, Psalms, and choicest Hymns, as found in the Church Book, to be memorized.

Fourth Year.

(a). Lesson Leaf.

(b). The memorizing of the Canticles, Psalms, and choicest Hymns to be continued, or, if completed, the Collects for the Sundays and Festivals, as found in the Church Book, to be memorized.

D. PASTOR'S BIBLE CLASS.

(a). Lesson Leaf. (7th year).

(b). The Epistles.

(c). The Prophetical Books.

(d). The consecutive study of entire Books of the Bible.

(e). Biblical Antiquities.

(f). Outlines of Church History.

(g). The Augsburg Confession. (Whitteker).

(h). The Church Service.

NOTE.—In departments B. C. and D., the Church Year to be observed in the selection of the Psalms and Hymns, as provided for in the S. S. Book; and, in the selection of the Scripture Lesson, if one be read.

LESSON LEAF SCHEDULE.

Herewith is presented a schedule of Texts and Subjects for a seven years' course of lessons, elementary and advanced, for publication in the form of "Lesson Leaves."

In order that some intelligent understaning of the Schedule may be had without a tedious and lengthy examination in detail, we submit a synopsis of the purpose and method of the selections made.

First Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections from the Gospel of Matthew; taking the Gospel for the day, or its parallel passage in Matthew. Old Testament after Trinity Sunday. Selections in chronological order from Gen. 1 to Gen. 29 (inclusive.)

Second Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections

from the Gospel of Mark; giving a full account of our Lord's Passion. Old Testament after Trinity Sunday. Selections in chronological order from Gen. 32 to Ex. 6 (inclusive.)

Third Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections from the Gospel of Luke; avoiding portions already given in parallel passages of Matthew and Mark. After Trinity Sunday, Old Testament in chronological order from Ex. 7 to Numbers.

Fourth Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections from the Gospel of John; embracing that which is peculiar to John, and of somewhat more doctrinal than historical character. After Trinity Sunday, Old Testament in chronological order from Numbers to Ruth (inclusive.)

Fifth Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections in historical order from Acts. After Trinity Sunday, Old Testament in chronological order; selections from 1st and 2d Samuel.

Sixth Year. New Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections from the Epistles, taking the Epistle for the day, as nearly as possible as laid down in the Church Year. After Trinity Sunday, Old Testament History; selections from Chronicles, Kings, and Ezra.

Seventh Year. Old Testament to Trinity Sunday. Selections from the Prophetical and Poetical Books. After Trinity Sunday, selections from the New Testament Epistles; thus completing the study of the "Epistles for the day" in the Church Year.

This Schedule embraces therefore:

1. An outline of Old Testament History from Creation to the return from the Captivity.

2. Selections from the Prophets and Poetical Books.

3. An outline of study in the four Gospels and Acts.

4. The Gospel for the day for the Festival half of the Year, and the Epistles for the entire Church Year.

The spirit of the Church Year is carefully observed throughout, and place given for especial services on Christmas and Easter; also for Reformation Day, and instruction as to our Church Institutions.

[The Lesson Schedule itself is here omitted.]

In reference to the Course of Study the Committee beg leave to say:

1. That they believe it to be carefully graded according to the mental capacity of those to be instructed. As the best means for imparting Scriptural knowledge in the Primary Department, your committee strongly urge the use of large wall pictures. Those published by Justus Nauman, Leipzig, (Press of Mueller & Friedlaender, Dresden) on which the course for the Primary Department is based, are very fine.

It is also the conviction of your committee that for at least two years after promotion from the Primary Department, especially when such promotion is made early, the best results can be obtained by the use of a good Biblical History. At this age the child-mind not only has a fondness for historical facts, but also remembers them more readily than anything else. These historical facts of Scripture, so valuable for the truths they teach in a concrete form, and so useful to the pastor for illustrative purposes during catechetical instruction, are, in a good Biblical History, presented in such shape and order, that children competent to read will have no difficulty in learning them. For more advanced scholars, Lesson Leaves are recommended, as covering more in detail, the same and other portions of Scripture. And for the Pastor's Bible Class, usually composed of confirmed members of the Church, a variety of subjects, suitable for maturer minds, is submitted, from which a suitable choice can be made.

Your committee direct attention to the prominence given in this Course of Study to the Bible, Catechism, and Church Book. Its aim is to teach children, as much as possible, the *Sacred Word itself.* In addition therefore to Biblical History and the Lessons provided in the Leaf Schedule, it is insisted on that children should, from the beginning, memorize large portions of the Sacred text as contained in the Psalms, the Canticles, and the proof-texts of the Catechism. And that they may soon learn "the form of sound words," and the most devout language of prayer and praise, they shonld not fail to commit the exact words of the Catechism, and the treasures of devotion contained in the Church Book.

3. This Course of Study is also deemed sufficiently flexible to admit of adaptation to almost any circumstances. Your committee by no means profess to have surmounted all the difficulties spoken of in their report one year ago; yet they have reason to think that, even in schools not so carefully graded as this course contemplates, the same can, by a judicious adjustment of its parts, be successfully used.

For teachers' use, your committee are of opinion that a Teacher's Bible (English or American edition), a Concordance, and a good Bible Dictionary (Smith or Schaff), are indispensable. What is needed beyond, in the way of doctrical instruction, and in those wider fields of Biblical and ecclesiastical learning upon which only maturer minds can enter, is the proper work of the pastor and not of the Sunday school teacher.

During the year your committee continued their correspondence

with the Committee on Sunday shool Work of the General Synod, but no definite results have as yet been attained.

J. F. Ohl,
G. F. Spieker,
M. H. Richards,
H. N. Fegley,
W. K. Frick,
R. K. Buehrle,
R. A. Baer.

The committee was continued, and instructed to arrange and issue a series of lessons for our Sunday schools, based on the church year, and have it ready for use by the coming Advent Season; and further, that this committee invite, and take such steps as may be necessary to secure, the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in the selection of such lessons.

The committee on the communication from the Synod of Michigan offered the following, which was received:

Withdrawal of the Michigan Synod.

The committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Michigan Synod, respectfully report that it contains the official announcement of the withdrawal of that Synod from the General Council.

As the General Council took no action when the Minnesota and Illinois Synods similarly withdrew in 1871, we recommend that the same course shall be pursued in this case.

J. Fry,
J. H. Hunton,
B. Sadtler,
C. N. Conrad,
D. M. Kemerer,
A. W. Potteiger,
John Gangwere,
Gustav Johnson,
S. J. Beck.

Pending the consideration of this report the Council adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. S. Fritschel, D. D.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Tuesday, September 18, 2 p. m.

Rev. C. L. Fry conducted the opening services, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. A. Wright, of the Norwegian Augustana Synod, being about to return home, thanked the Council for the treatment he had received at its hands, and expressed the hope that, in the future, the

Norwegian Lutherans might yet unite with this body. The President replied in appropriate terms.

The consideration of the report of the committee on the communication of the Michigan Synod was resumed, and the report was adopted.

The committee on the President's report offered a report which was referred back to the committee.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and their report was adopted by ballot as follows:

English Home Mission Committee.

Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D.D., LL. D.
" S. Laird, D.D.
" J. F. J. Schantz,
" Jacob Fry, D.D.
" H. E. Jacobs, D.D.
" H. Peters,
" S. A. Repass, D.D.

Messrs. Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph. D.
" H. Lehman,
" W. W. Kurtz,
" H. A. Beates,
" J. J. Mohr.
" E. R. Artman,
" J. Wolf, Esq.,
" A. G. Saeger.

German Home Mission Committee.

Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,
" E. F. Moldenke, D.D.
" J. Steinhauser,
" A. Richter,
" J. Nicum,
" F. Veit,
" J. Brezing,
" W. Berkemeier,

Mr. J. G. Wagner,
" Anthon Degenfelder, Buffalo.
" Daniel Bantleon, Rochester.
" J. Christ, "
" Jno. Roggmann, "
" Fred Schlottman, "
" Fred. Schlegel "
" Fred. Fischer,
" Henry Deuchler, Lyons.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D.
" B. M. Schmucker, D.D.
" H. Grahn,
" C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.
" F. Wischan,
" F. W. Weiskotten,
" W. A. Schaeffer,
" E. E. Sibole,
" J. P. Deck,
" H. V. Hilprecht, Ph. D.
" J. E. Niedecker,

Rev. P. J. O. Cornell,
" W. J. Mann, D.D.
" L. P. Bender,
" E. J. Pohle,

Messrs. W. H. Staake, Esq.
" H. Frank,
" Fred. Bauer,

Swedish Home Mission Committee, (chosen by Augustiana Synod).

Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl.
" L. G. Abrahamson,
" M. C. Ranseen,
" C. A. Evald,
" S. A. Sandahl,
Mr. Samuel Anderson,
" S. F. Carlson,
" J. A. Enander,
" Erik Olsson.

The report of the Swedish Missionary at Castle Garden was offered and received as follows:

REPORT

OF THE SWEDISH MISSIONARY, A. B. LILJA, FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1887, TO SEPTEMBER 1, 1888.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

I herewith submit to you my annual report concerning the missionary work among the Scandinavians in Castle Garden. The work among the immigrants does not vary a great deal from year to year, although the details of the mission are various and many. Our mission has been conducted as in former years and with the same blessed result, and we might even say that God has blessed our efforts more and more every year. One of our evidences proving this we find in the numerous letters which acknowledge the benefits received. These letters increase in number every year, and are very encouraging. Our Mission is now more widely known across the sea, and the pastors in Sweden very often recommend to us and to the Emigrant House, No. 26 State street, the Scandinavian emigrants. In order to make our work and church better known in Sweden, the Augustana Synod has decided to send Rev. L. G. Abrahamson, of Chicago, to Sweden, where his duty will be to present our cause and interest to the leading men at home for the church in America. The Immigrant Mission will also derive benefit from this. As soon as the resolution is carried out we hope that the church will gain in membership, and that our Mission will be even more influential and far-reaching.

At our daily visits in Castle Garden we converse with as many immigrants as possible, and do our best to give each one a tract and religious paper. We have distributed the same papers and tracts as formerly. A good deal of our time is spent in aiding the emigrants by counsel and otherwise. We must pay attention to both the spiritual and temporal wants of the new comers. Often the temporal aid opens the way to the heart, and we have a good opportunity to sow the good seed of the Word of God. A word in season is some-

times more effective than a sermon, but whenever it is convenient and practicable we gather them in the chapel, and many hear the Gospel gladly. The Emigrant Hospital has been visited by us as often as needed, and as usual have had to care for the destitute and friendless. No charity is more fruitful than that shown to the poor in Castle Garden, and we are glad that our Synod has provided for this part of our work. The Reception Hospital is at Castle Garden, and is maintained for the purpose of caring for the sick emigrants until they can be transferred to the Ward's Island Hospital, where Rev. L. H. Gerndt is missionary. The whole number of emigrants treated at the Reception Hospital during the year was 3,045. During the year the Scandinavian emigrants numbered 59,248. The destination of these passengers was as follows: Alabama 34, Arkansas 14, Connecticut 3,128, Colorado 1,212, California 430, Dakota 1,327, Florida 28, Indiana 2,116, Illinois 8,143, New Jersey 652, New York 5,362, Ohio 440, Oregon 94, Pennsylvania 3,452, Rhode Island 157, Iowa 3,862, Kansas 2,112, Michigan 3,456, Missouri 1,324, Minnesota 11,314, Massachusetts 4,318, New Hampshire 132, Nebraska 1,867, Texas 178, Utah 862, Vermont 123, Wisconsin 2,177, Washington Territory 827, Wyoming 113.

Grateful to God for His past mercies and help, we look hopefully to the future and ask for the co-operation and prayers of the church.

Your obedient servant,

AXEL B. LILJA, *Missionary.*

New York, September 1, 1888.

The report of the Emigrant Mission and that of the Treasurer of the Immigrant Mission Committee were received and ordered to be printed in the minutes as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE EMIGRANT MISSION FROM SEPTEMBER, 1887 TO SEPTEMBER, 1888.

Thanks be to God for the gracious help he has afforded our Emigrant Mission during another year. From the annual report of the Emigrant House it appears that 11,771 pilgrims passed through our establishment, all of whom were brought more or less into contact with our Emigrant Mission. Of this number, 1,192 being poor, they were supplied with boarding and lodging gratis. In addition to these we were enabled, during the severity of the winter season, to give one meal daily to from 50 to 100 hungry emigrants. As regards the accommodation offered to these strangers by our house, as well as

the assistance we render them in the further continuance of their journey into the interior, everything went off so well and satisfactorily that not a single complaint has reached our ears. All who came to our house, and committed themselves to our care and guidance, were kindly treated and then went on their way rejoicing and in peace.

Castle Garden was visited by us on the arrival of every steamer from Bremen, Hamburg, Stettin, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Havre, with the intention of receiving such of the passengers as had been especially directed to us, and have them at once conducted to our house. This, as is usual, has been connected with not a little trouble, and yet we did not meet with such violent opposition, on the part of our enemies, as was the case in former years. They have in the course of time apparently become reconciled to the fact that a goodly number of passengers are already in Germany secured to us by recommendation, and that consequently all their efforts to take them from us would be in vain. Moreover, the Castle Garden Commission is very favorably disposed toward us and delights in seeing emigrants taking their way in the direction of our house, assured that there they will be well cared for.

It is a most happy circumstance that we have a home of our own in which we can carry on our Emigrant Mission work, and thus offer protection to these strangers within our own gates, give them such advice and attention as they may need, and above all declare to them the word of God. Our divine services are regularly observed in our chapel, both morning and evening, and we feel fully confident that the Lord has both owned and blessed the words of exhortation and consolation that have from time to time been addressed to those present. Many of those committed to our care have not failed to express their heartfelt gratitude for the edifying manner of their reception, on their arrival, in the name of God and his church; and we know of many who, in compliance with our advice, at the several places of their destination, sought out the Lutheran minister and united themselves, in this land of strangers, again to their mother church.

The brethren, Gernett, Anderson and Lilja, are closely associated with me in the furtherance of the work of the Lord.

Our financial condition during the past year was satisfactory. For the Emigrant Mission we received in contributions the sum of $985.12, and for the support of the poor the sum of $649.64.

The letters, postal cards and dispatches addressed to us, amounted to 4,838.

Our special ministerial acts consisted in baptisms 11, marriages 132, burials 2.

Whilst submitting to the General Council, in addition to the above, the printed report of the Emigrant House, we humbly ask the brethren kindly to remember us and our work in their united prayers, so that the Lord our God may continue to own and bless the same as in days past, so also in days to come.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERKEMEIER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE EMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL FROM JULY 1, 1887, TO JULY 1, 1888.

1887.

July 1, *To balance* in Mission account	$ 62 38	
In Poor Fund account	97 83	
		$ 160 21

RECEIPTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Donations from Synods, congregations and individuals, as published in the church papers	$955 27	
Subscriptions collected by A. B. Lilja	379 13	
		$1,334 40

RECEIPTS FOR POOR FUND ACCOUNT.

Donations as above	672 91
Total	$2,167 52

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MISSION ACCOUNT.

Salary of Missionary Rev. W. Berkemeier	$600 00	
" " " A. B. Lilja	400 00	
Books for Missionary distribution	16 80	
Assistance to Missionaries and students in three cases	17 50	
Tracts printed	75 00	
Traveling expenses for collecting	20 00	
		$ 1,129 30

DISBURSEMENTS FOR POOR ACCOUNT.

108 cases of assistance to poor immigrants, in cash and for traveling purposes	$292 37	
3,725 meals given to poor immigrants while out of work	372 50	
		$ 664 87
Total disbursements		$ 1,794 17

1888.

July 1, *To balance* in Mission account	$267 48	
In Poor Fund account	105 87	
		$ 373 35
Total		$2,167 52

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1, 1888.

Examined and found correct,

W. HAUFF,
F. W. WEISS.

The Report of the Emigrant Chaplain on Ward's Island was received and ordered printed, as follows:

According to the last report of the Superintendent and Physician in chief there remained in our institution,

December 31, 1886	294
Admitted during the year	3,491
Number of births	107
Total cared for	3,892
Number discharged during the year	3,421
" died " "	137
Total discharged	3,558
Number remaining December 31, 1887	334
" in the hospital	194
" in the asylum	39
" in the refuge	101
Total number treated in hospital	2,516
" " " asylum	189
" " " refuge	1,407
Number of days spent in hospital	66,679
" " in asylum	12,462
" " in refuge	27,983
Total days spent	107,124
There were buried in cemeteries	131
" " sent from Castle Garden	52
Total number buried	183

These cemeteries were opened in 1874, and on January 1st, 1888, there had been buried a total of 3,688 bodies. It happens now and then that friends claim the bodies for buriel; these of course do not find a resting place here. The Jews do not allow the bodies of their dead to be buried on our cemeteries.

Three times a week, the so called Castle Garden boat brings us immigrants from Castle Garden and takes back again such who have been discharged. Occasionally, when the tide of immigration is rather heavy, this boat makes almost daily trips to the island. During the last year an unusual number of Italians and Slovacs were sent here.

Another year has just passed, in which, by the grace of God, your missionary was permitted to labor among these poor immigrants and minister to their spiritual wants so far as circumstances would allow.

The average attendance at our divine services was 15 51-56, and the whole number of communicants ninety-four. Thirty-three infants were baptised and fifty-eight bodies buried, [including twenty-six children]. Marriages three. Besides these, also, a few ministerial acts were performed by other ministers. It has already been stated that only about one-third or less of our immigrant population are protestants, and this one-third is quite a *mixtum compositon*. It may be of interest to state that your missionary has also been called upon sometimes to visit the sick in care of the city authorities, who also have some of their institutions on the Island. The Ward's Island Mission is certainly a branch of the Emigrant Mission, and is assuredly of great importance. The Lord loveth the strangers, and especially those who, through adverse circumstances, can proceed no further on their journey, or, owing to sickness and distress, are compelled to seek temporary refuge in our institutions. When an immigrant is taken ill in a hotel or boarding-house or among friends, or while in the service of strangers, he is at once sent to Ward's Island; also those who have been taken ill on their voyage across the ocean are brought here, while others, whose finances have reached ebb-tide, are very glad to be able, so far as the law will permit, to find a temporary home on our Island.

Oh, may the Ward's Island Mission find that moral and financial support it so much needs and deserves! Is it not here where we find the most wretched and the neediest of the needy?

It would be well if there could be a small fund on hand, out of which, in cases of real need, a little could be taken. It often happens that your Missionary is forced to put his hand into his own pocket to supply a momentary, pressing want. It is very much to be desired that the interest shown in this Mission be more warm, real and spontaneous.

God has graciously been with us so far; the work and the Mission are His! To Him be praise and thanks!

L. H. GERNDT.

WARD'S ISLAND, September 1, 1888.

The Treasurer's report of the Ward's Island Mission Committee was received as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE WARD'S ISLAND MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL, FROM JULY 1, 1887, TO JULY 1, 1888.

1887.

July 1, *To balance*, as per former report.....		$ 83 85
RECEIPTS.		
Donations from congregations, ladies' societies and individuals, as published in church papers..	$304 65	
Special donation for P. Gerndt.....	15 00	
	$	319 65
Special donation for Christmas on Ward's Island,		5 00
Total.....	$	408 50
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid to the Missionary Rev. L. H. Gerndt for salary.....	$388 50	
Paid him a special gift.....	15 00	
	$	403 50
Special for Christmas at Ward's Island.....		5 00
Total.....	$	408 50

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer*.

New York, June, 1888.

Examined and found correct,

W. HAUFF,
F. W. WEISS.

The Immigrant Mission Committee was appointed as follows:

Rev. J. H. Baden,
Mr. W. Hauff,
" W. A. Schmitthenner,
Rev. C. E. Lindberg,
" G. C. F. Haas,
" J. C. J. Peterson,
Mr. R. J. Mannheim,
" F. L. J. Anger,
" C. W. Lundquist.

The Committee on Apportionment offered their report, which was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS TO DISTRICT SYNODS, TO BE RAISED BY THEM IN SUPPORT OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would respectfully report as follows:

ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 1888–89.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Expenses as in the past Council year	$12 000	
For the support of additional Missionary	1 000	
Debts	2 000	
		$15 000

HOME MISSIONS.

English Home Missions	$10 000	
German " "	10 000	
Swedish " "	5 000	
		$25 000
Total		$40 000

APPORTIONMENTS.

1. For Foreign Missions $15,000, to be raised as heretofore with strong appeals to Synods, Pastors, Congregations and Sunday Schools — $15,000 00

2. For English Home Missions:

Pennsylvania Ministerium	$5,000 00	
Pittsburgh Synod	3,000 00	
New York Ministerium	800 00	
Ohio Synod	700 00	
Indiana Synod	500 00	
		10,000 00

3. For German Home Missions:

Pennsylvania Ministerium	$5,000 00	
New York Ministerium	3,000 00	
Pittsburgh Synod	800 00	
Canada Synod	500 00	
		9,300 00

4. For Swedish Home Missions:

Swedish Augusta Synod	$5,000 00	5,000 00

F. J. SCHANTZ, C. KŒRNER,
J. F. FAHS, A. W. POTTEIGER,
F. A. KAHLER, G. D. SWAIN,
C. A. SWENSSON, J. G. WAGNER.

The Secretaries of the Council were directed to inform the Presidents of Synods of the amount of their several apportionments; and the several Mission committees were instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to execute the intention of the apportionments.

The President announced a commnnication from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in regard to christian union, which was referred to a committee as follows:

Revs. Drs. J. A. Seiss, B. M. Schmucker and A. Spaeth.

The Committee on Rev. J. Telleen's letter reported and their report was adopted as follows:

The letter of Rev. J. Telleen, of San Francisco, Cal., after setting forth the condition and prospects of the Mission field in California, earnestly impleads the General Council to take prompt action in sending ministers to organize English Lutheran congregations in that territory. On this letter the following action is recommended:

1. That the General Council appreciates the importance of the field to which attention is called, and would most sincerely assure our brethren in the faith, there gathered and dispersed, of its sympathies with them in their destitute condition, and its earnest desire to afford practical assistance.

2. That the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council be instructed to send, at the earliest practicable time, a competent Missionary to the Pacific coast, whose duty it shall be, in conference and co-operation with Rev. J. Telleen especially, as well as with Swedish and German ministers generally, to seek out Lutherans and organize them into English Congregations, to secure lots suitable for Church buildings, as well as to take such other preliminary action as may be deemed expedient and necessary for carrying on this work.

S. A. Repass, L. Groh,
G. D. Bernheim, G. D. Swain.
S. P. A. Lindahl.

The report of the Treasurer of the Publication committee was read as follows:

REPORT

OF THE TREASURER OF THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE OF GENERAL COUNCIL.

I. KIRCHENBUCH.

A. Receipts: From the sale of 1,329 bound 16 mo. and 2,497 bound 32 mo.	$1,982 90
From the sale of 237 sheets large and 510 sheets small	344 40
Expenses of packing books and sheets for the Wartburg Publishing House	13 00
Balance due (as per mutual arrangement and agreement of books and sheets sold as per last report) from the Wartburg Publishing House	293 82
From the same for 162 bound and 2,000 sheets sent them	307 93
	$2,942 05

B. Expenditures: Printing 2,000 sheets 16 mo. and 8,050 of 32 mo.	$959 17	
Binding 1,550 of 16 mo. and 2,680 of 32 mo.	833 00	
Packing expenses, as above, of Wartburg Publishing House	13 00	
		$1,805 17
		$1,136 88
C. Expenditure: First part of Kirchenbuch— Expenses of printing an edition		40 00
		$1,096 88

Stock.	Sheets 16 mo.	32 mo.	Bound 16 mo.	32 mo.
As per last report	2,957	1,884	742	1,307
Added	2,000	8,050	1,550	2,680
	4,957	9,934	2,292	3,987
Sold	237	510	1,329	2,497
	4,720	9,424	963	1,490
Bound	1,550	2,680		
	3,170	6,744		
Sold Wartburg Pub. House	600	1,400	25	137
Stock on hand	2,570	5,344	938	1,353

II. DEUTSCHER KLEINER KATECHISMUS.

Stock on hand last report	1,800	
Sold	1,200	
		600 stock.
Proceeds of sale of 1,200		$36 00

III. LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK.

	Muslin binding.	Board binding.
On hand at last report	727	357
Sold	198	240
Stock on hand	529	117

From sales of 198 muslin bound and 240 school or board binding, $126.00.

IV. GENERAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

Receipts: 112 English and 180 German sold, 11.60.
Cost of printing, etc., 500 English and 500 German, $35.00.
Stock on hand, 388 English and 320 German—deficit, $23.40.

From Kirchenbuch	$1,096 88
" Deutcher Kleiner Kateschismus	36 00
" Little Children's Book	126 00

	$1,258 88
Deficit account General Council Constitution.....	23 40
	$1,235 48
Paid to the Treasurer.....	1,235 48

All other premiums, etc., paid to the Treasurer of General Council.

W. H. STAAKE, ESQ.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. P. Pfatteicher.

NINTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, September 19th, 9 A.M.

This session was opened by Rev. J. F. Fahs, by the use of the Order of Morning service, as contained in the Church Book. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Publication was appointed as follows:

Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.,	Mr. John C. File,
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,	Mr. C. B. Opp,
Rev. S. Laird, D.D.,	Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.

It was resolved to hold the twenty-second Convention of this Council on the second Thursday in October (12th), 1889, in the First Evangelical Luthern Church, Rev. E. Belfour, D.D., pastor, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The consideration of the Report of the Publication Committee was resumed, and it was resolved that the Committee should add to it the items still wanting. The report was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee thereon was read and adopted as follows:

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer*, in account with

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

1887.		*Dr.*		
Sept.	10.	To cash, balance last year		$1,777 53
Oct.	5.	To cash, Rev. G. W. Frederick —		
		Premiums on 700 S. S. books, at 5 cents	$35 00	
		Premiums on 1,000 S. S. books, without music, at 4 cents...	40 00	
				75 00

Nov. 1.	To cash, Rev. G. W. Frederick—			
	Premiums on 1,496 S. S. books, without music, at 4 cents....	$59 84		
	Premiums on 500 S.S. books, at 5 cents.....	25 00		
	Premiums on 500 catechisms, at 2 cents.....	10 00		
1888.				94 84
Jan. 4.	To cash, Rev. G. W. Frederick—			
	Premiums on 1,000 S. S. books, words only, at 4 cents	40 00		
	Premiums on 1,000 S. S. books, with music, at 5 cents	50 00		
				90 00
Feb. 3.	To cash, Rev. C. G. Fisher			1 00
24.	" Rev. G. W. Frederick, amount in full upon new contract, as follows:			
	10-1-1883	$105 42		
	10-1-1884	113 25		
	10-1-1885	106 34		
	10-1-1886	130 02		
	1-1-1887	75 00		
	7-1-1887	94 84		
			624 87	
	Less 10- 5-1887.....	$75 00		
	10-31-1887.....	94 84		
			169 84	
				455 03
June 23.	To cash, Rev. Geo. C. F. Haas, Treasurer of Min. of N. Y., viz:—			
	St. Paul's Gemeinde, P. E. Wattles, Liverpool.....	$1 00		
	Dreieinigkeites Gemeinde, Pastor, D. W. Peterson, Middle Village.....	5 00		
	St. Mark's Miss., per pastor, G. C. F. Haas, N. Y.....	5 00		
				11 00
Aug. 3.	To cash, Rev. G. W. Frederick, per John C. File, viz:—			
	Premium on 1,525 S. S. books, words, at 5 cents.....	$61 00		
	Premium on 1,150 S. S. books, music, at 5 cents	57 50		
	Premium on 500 G. C. Catechisms, at 2 cents.....	10 00		
				128 50
Sept. 6.	To cash, Ignatius Kohler, premium on German S. S. books, with and without music			110 00
	To cash, Publication Committee, per John C. File			945 48

Sept.	6.	To cash, Publication Committee, per John C. File		290 00
		Total		$3,978 38

1887. *Cr.*

Sept.	1.	By cash, Mrs. T. M. Brick, compensation for attention to the church			$10 00
	19.	" Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, expressage (see bills), $2.92, $1.45			4 37
		" J. Nicum, expenses as Secretary, Gen. Council Ev. L. Ch. in N. A., stamps, mailing, etc. (see bill)			8 13
	24.	" Craig, Finley & Co., 2,350 copies reports, pge, etc			83 07
Oct.	11.	" F. W. Weiskotten, Exp. German Secretary for papers, etc.	3 20		
		Expressage	75		
					3 95
	18.	" Rev. F. Wischan, for German Home Missionary Soc'ty, being estimated two-thirds of net proceeds from German pub'ns			666 66
		Transferred to For. Miss. Fund as per resolution of Gen. Council, ⅓ net proceeds German pub'ns			333 34
Nov.	28.	" Rev. A. Speath, D.D., traveling expenses, including supply of his pulpit during his absence as delegate to the Conference in Hamburg			65 00
	30.	" The Fairfield County *Republican*, Lancaster, O., A. R. Eversole, editor, 2,000 copies Minutes General Council	$170 00		
		Freight on Appendix from Philadelphia to Lancaster	1 80		
					171 80
Dec.	9.	" Theo. Wischan, 2,000 Minutes, German, printing and binding	$207 60		
		1,850 copies mailed.	65 50		
					273 10
		" John Nicum, postage and additional copies of Minutes			5 94
Dec.	10.	" Rev. G. W. Mechling, Lancaster, Ohio, postage, express charges on English Minutes	$45 00		
		Paper, packing, mailing, etc	16 00		
					61 00

1888.

Jan. 20.	By Cash,	S. Fritschel, expenses of the members of the Iowa Synod in the preparation of the German Church Book.....		51 16
Feb. 18.	"	A. Klinger, janitor of Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, expenses incurred in transmission of Minutes of General Council from Rev. Swenson, former English Secretary.....		9 40
April 16.	"	Rev. F. Wischan, for German Home Missionary, being estimated two-thirds of net proceeds from German publica's.		121 42
		Transferred to Foreign Mission Fund as per resolution of General Council, being one-third of net proceeds of German publications		60 71
Sept. 6.	"	Lizzie Mechling, transcribing minutes of 1887 in protocol	$25 00	
		English Recording Secretary, additional postage on Minutes	1 50	
		Express charges on protocol, files, etc., 70 lbs. from Lancaster, O., to Minneapolis	3 35	
				29 85
		Total.....		1,958 95
		Balance.....		2,019 43
				$3,978 38

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

ISAAC S. MOTTER,
L. M. MELANDER,
W. HAUFF,
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY.

Dr.

1887–1888.		
To Rev. C. G. Fischer.....		$518 61
Erroneously entered in this account, instead of Foreign Mission Fund		65 06
Instead of Foreign Mission Fund.....		50 00
Subscription to Foreign Missionary.....		100 72
		734 39

Overdrawn	206 20
	$940 59

Cr.

Overdrawn last year	$71 18
To Craig, Finley & Co., printing 12 Nos. Foreign Missionary and postage	752 35
To Craig, Finley & Co., postal cards	2 00
Charged to Foreign Mission Fund	65 06
" " "	50 00
	$940 59

The above account was carefully and thoroughly examined and proved, and found correct in all its parts, both as to items of charge and discharge.

H. Grahn,
Jno. C. File, } *Committee.*

ARTMAN MEMORIAL ACCOUNT.

Dr.

1887–1888.

Balance last year	$100 00
Total amount of contributions received, as acknowledged in Mission Bote and Foreign Missionary	770 69
Erroneously entered in this account instead of in Foreign Mission Fund	107 03
	$977 72

Cr.

By cash charged to Foreign Mission Fund	$107 03
" draft 9,505, Rev. F. S. Dietriech, Dowlais Warum	100 00
" " 9,733, Rev. Schmidt, per order No. 739	500 00
	707 03
Balance	270 69
	$977 72

The above account was carefully and thoroughly examined and proved, and found correct in all its parts, both as to the items of charge and discharge.

H. Grahn,
Jno. C. File, } *Committee.*

MISSION BOTE.

1887–1888. *Dr.*

To balance last year	$1,031 26
To Rev. C. G. Fisher, monthly sums amounting to	2,135 07
To subscriptions for Missions Bote	3 40
	$3,219 73

Cr.

By cash, transferred to Foreign Mission Fund, as per resolution of General Council	$855 80
By cash, Walter E. Hering, printing 12 Nos. of Missions Bote	708 00
By cash, Walter E. Hering, paper	216 00
" " " postage, etc	131 70
" Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper	603 99
" " " postal cards	11 50
	2,526 99
Balance	692 74
	$3,219 73

The above account was carefully and thoroughly examined and proved, and found correct in all its parts, both as to item of charge and discharge.

H. GRAHN,
JNO. C. FILE, } *Committee.*

September 6, 1888.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1887–1888. *Dr.*

To cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, monthly sums amounting to	$1,956 00
To cash, Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., Treasurer of Ministerium of Pennsylvania	2,464 75
Transferred from General Expense Fund as per resolution of Board, being one-third of net proceeds of German publications	394 05
Transferred from Missions Bote as per resolutions of General Council	855 80
Scandinavian Augustana Synod	1,000 00
Various contributions	3,617 60
	$10,288 20
Overdrawn, exclusive of $1,000 still due Mrs. Spaeth	19 69
	$10,307 89

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1887–1888.

By balance last year	$ 439 42
" Rev. F. S. Dietrich, salary	1,042 50
" " H. C. Schmidt, "	759 42
" " F. J. McCready, "	495 00
" " I. K. Poulsen, "	475 00
" " Wm. Gronning	1,125 00
" Ida Bleshoy for Rev. Schmidt's child	350 00
" Marie Andersen for Rev. Poulsen's children	525 00
" Rev. J. A. Waters on account of Rev. McCready	417 75

By Rev. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses		1,100 00
" " F. S. Dietrich, " "		2,000 00
" " Wm. Gronning, " "		500 00
" " F. J. McCready, for keeping native school teacher at Rajahmundry, India		35 00
" " F. S. Dietrich, traveling expenses for Rev. Poulsen and family		650 00
" " C. G. Fischer, salary		100 00
" " A. W. Bomberger, two years' subscription for Ursinus College Bulletin		1 00
" " Reuben Hill, seminary building for Rev. McCready		25 00
" Wm. H. Staake, return of loan		25 00
" Sylv. Stall, almanac		1 00
" Funk & Wagnalls, N. Y., on Rev. Schmidt's acc't		1 00
" Mrs. Harriet A. Spaeth, interest on loan of $1,000 from Feb. 7, 1887, to Feb. 7, 1888		50 00
" Rev. H. C. Schmidt, exchange on check for draft		25 00
" Garrigues Bros., on Rev. McCready's acc't		15 00
" John Highlands, " "		10 00
" Funk & Wagnalls, on Rev. Schmidt's acc't		2 50
" Philip Deuchler, " "		33 25
" Smith & Dreer, gold medal on Rev. Dietrich's acc't.		15 00
" Rev. G. W. Frederick, books on Rev. McCready's acc't.		2 25
" Leinbach & Bro., clothing for Rev. Dietrich		20 00
" Rev. Schmucker, writing material for two years		16 00
" A. J. Leslie, on Rev. Dietrich's acc't		10 00
" Rev. A. J. D. Haupt		10 00
" Mrs. E. V. Artman		25 00
" Postage, etc., discount on Canada money		6 80
		$10,307 89

The above account was carefully and thoroughly examined, proved and found correct in all its parts, both as to items of charge and discharge.

H. Grahn,
John C. File,
Committee.

September 6, 1888.

Rev. Dr. W. A. Passavant offered the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary in Chicago, which was received and adopted as follows: and the action of two years ago was reaffirmed and the Committee continued.

The Theological Seminary at Chicago.

The undersigned, having been designated in connection with the President and Treasurer of the General Council to appoint a Board of Directors, to which certain property in Lake View, near Chicago,

should be transferred, and who were authorized "to make such arrangements working towards the opening of the Seminary, as might be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the General Council," respectfully report:

That in the prosecution of this object, after due consultation and correspondence with different brethren, the consent of a sufficient number having been obtained to act as members of the Board, unexpected difficulties presented themselves, owing to the unsettled condition of several of the Western Synods, whose co-operation had been confidently expected in this undertaking. Under these circumstances it was not deemed prudent to take the necessary steps towards the incorporation of the Board, until after the adjournment of this Convention.

A second and equally serious difficulty presented itself in regard to the title of the property. It had been originally deeded to the General Council of the Evangelical Luthern Church in North America, under the impression that such was the corporate name of this body. After all the papers had been prepared for the adjustment of the title, as contemplated by the Council at its two previous Conventions, it was discovered that a corporation bearing the designation on its title page had never been created—its legal corporate name being "The *Trustees* of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Under these embarrassing circumstances, after a personal interview with the Trustees of the General Council at Philadelphia, and a careful consideration of all the facts in the case, it was deemed the most judicious course to commence a peaceful suit in chancery, in order to set aside the original deed, and obtain a second one in favor of a Board of Directors appointed and constituted in compliance with the action of the Council at its recent Conventions.

Owing to the absence abroad of the attorney to whom the important interests of this suit were committed, and unavoidable legal delays, we regret to say that a decision by the court has not yet been reached. It is, however, confidently expected that there will be no difficulty in the way of an early settlement of this whole matter, which will be in accord with the original purpose of the donors and will be entirely satisfactory to the General Council.

We take this occasion to state that, although there would seem to have been small progress made towards the opening of the Seminary, very necessary and important improvements have been made during the past year in the streets and avenues on three sides of the Seminary grounds. These are of the most extensive character, such as their grading and paving, the construction of sewers, water mains,

side-walks, etc., involving an outlay of nearly $3,000. To meet this heavy expense it is proposed to sell a narrow strip of the original plat, which has been cut off from the Seminary grounds by the construction of a railroad through the same. The proceeds of such sale, it is believed, will place in the hands of the Board of Directors a respectable sum towards the erection of the first and most necessary Seminary building.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PASSAVANT.

Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth presented the report of the Trustees of the Council, which was adopted as follows:

Report of the Trustees.

The matters attended to by the Trustees during the year are the following:

1. At the last Convention instructions were given to require the payment of all premiums then due by the Rev. G. W. Frederick on the books of the Council published by him. The Trustees authorized their Treasurer, W. H. Staake, Esq., to make immediate settlement with Mr. Frederick in accordance with the terms of the contract into which he had entered, and acting under the authority given him, Mr. Staake arranged for the payment of these premiums.

2. At a meeting held April 18, 1888, the Rev. Dr. Passavant appeared and desired the Trustees to take such action as would enable him to correct a mistake made in the deed, executed by him, conveying the land at Lake View, near Chicago, to the General Council, which he proposed to give for a Theological Seminary to be located at that place. In the deed dated July 23, 1872, the property was conveyed to the "General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," but a written opinion given by legal counsel stated that there was no such corporation as that named in the above title, but one under the name of the "*Trustees* of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America," to which the property should have been conveyed as was intended, and that it was necessary to cancel the former deed and make a new one in order to remedy all defects of title.

The Trustees appointed a committee consisting of their officers, to furnish all such testimony as may be at their command to further and favor whatever process of law may be necessary to enable the Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., to cancel and annul the above-named deed, which had been improperly worded.

Dr. Passavant announced his intention to prepare and execute a new deed, as soon as the proper legal steps could be taken, and in

the meantime to place in the possession of the Trustees a paper guaranteeing the land above referred to, to the General Council for the uses of a Theological Seminary.

The term of office of the Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL.D., Mr. J. C. File and J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq., will expire on the third Monday of November next. It will therefore be necessary to elect three persons to supply their places, two of whom at least should be laymen.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAIRD, *Secretary.*

Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., LL. D., J. A. Geissenhainer, Esq., and Mr. John C. File, were elected Trustees.

The Committee to publish the Constitution and By-Laws, etc., offered a report, which was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

The Committee appointed to arrange the Constitution, By-Laws, Standing Resolutions, Declarations, etc., of the General Council, for publication in form for ready use and reference, respectfully report that the work has made progress during the year, though it is not yet completed. The selections for the English edition have been prepared. We are unable to state what progress in this direction has been made by the brother appointed to arrange the matter for the German edition, owing to his absence in Europe for several months past.

The two sets of selections will need to be compared with each other, so as to preserve similarity in the two editions, when the work will be ready for publication.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee was continued and the former instructions to the same were renewed.

The Committee on the Catechism offered a report, which was adopted, as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Catechism.

Your Committee was appointed in 1886 "to select from among existing explanations of Luther's small Catechism such are deemed most worthy of commendation and use, both German and English, and to report to the Council."

In the discharge of the duty assigned them, the Committee would present with their commendation, the following:

IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

Dietrich's Catechism, German, St. Louis.

Dietrich's Catechism. English, Columbus, Ohio.

The Hanover Catechism, German, J. E. Stohlmann, New York.

The Hanover Catechism, English and both combined, J. E. Stohlmann, New York.

Drs. Mann and Krotel's Catechism, German; Phila., J. Kohler.

Drs. Mann and Krotel's English Catechism; Philadelphia, G. W. Frederick.

The Ohio Synod's Catechism, editions in German and English; Columbus, Ohio, J. L. Trauger.

IN GERMAN ONLY.

The Dresden Catechism; New York: Ludwig.

The Wisconsin Synod's Catechism, based on that of Dresden; Milwaukee, Wis.

IN ENGLISH ONLY.

Pontoppidan's Catechism, translated by Rev. E. Belfour; Chicago: J. Anderson & Co.

Of these, the most elaborate and difficult is that of Deitrich; the simplest, the Hanover and that of the Ohio Synod. In all the English editions named, except that of the Ohio Synod, the translation used is that issued by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and approved by the counsel. It is to be hoped that a standard translation will soon be made which will be approved by all English speaking Lutherans, and which will then be used in all English editions.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods offered the following, which was received and ordered to be entered upon the minutes:

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT SYNODS.

Your Committee respectfully submits the following:

I. The Ministerium of Pennsylvania.

The one hundred and forty-first annual meeting of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States was held in the church of the

Holy Trinity, Lancaster, Pa., Rev. C. L. Fry, Pastor, from the 24th to the 30th day of May, 1888. It was well attended—217 ministers and 107 Lay Delegates, besides visiting brethren being present at one or more of its sessions. Six ministers were received into connection with it and sixteen candidates for the ministry ordained. The Synod now numbers 260 clerical members; has 433 congregations or 196 parishes or charges. Its communicant membership is 100,782. The total church accessions during the year was 7,793. There were besides 8,575 infant baptisms. The losses by death, withdrawal and exclusion, numbered 3,141.

The contributions of the various parishes aggregated $496,024.82. $3,634.65 were given to Foreign Missions; $6,857.18 to the English Home Missions; and $2,286.14 to the German Home Missions of the General Council. There was collected, for General Benevolence, or the work of the Synod in its own territory, independent of Seminary, College and Orphan Home, $15,674.86.

There were two deaths during the year ending third day before Trinity Sunday, namely: Revs. H. S. Miller and T. T. Jaeger. Quite a number of pastoral changes and resignations. Eight corner stones were laid; eleven churches and chapels consecrated, and ten new congregations organized. Thirty-six students were aided in their preparation for the Gospel Ministry—20 in the Theological Seminary and 16 in Muhlenberg College. Thirty-seven Missions were assisted—26 of these under the direct care of the Executive Committee, and 11 under the care of the English and German City Mission Boards. A contract was made for the erection of the new Seminary building at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, at a cost of $40,375.00, exclusive of the work under ground.

The year was one of decided prosperity in the history of Muhlenberg College. Messrs. Mosser and Keck added $10,000 to the $20,000 previously given for the endowment of the Greek Professorship, and agreed to supplement 20 per cent of all sums tendered and collected for the liquidation of existing indebtedness, before March 1st, 1889. Muhlenberg memorial services were generally held throughout the Synod, and offerings to the amount of $4,457.10 presented. After deducting expenses the net proceeds, $3,962.68, were credited to endowment fund and German Professorship. The administration of Rev. Dr. Seiss, and the work of the Treasurer and financial agent deserve the pleased and grateful recognition of the Synod, Council and church.

The report of the Orphans' Home and Asylum, etc., at Germantown, reveals very faithful management. There were in the former on the first of April, 1888, 58 boys and 25 girls. In the latter, 6

men and 26 women. The expenses of the Home are heavy, and gifts are constantly solicited.

The Synod expressed its gratification with the liberality of Mr. John D. Lankenau in establishing the Mary J. Drexel Home and the Philadelphia Mother House of Deaconnesses.

The report of the Publication Committee disclosed large sales of the English Church Book, the Benner's Sumneytown Catechism, and the German Hymn Book; also the payment into the hands of the Treasurer of the Ministerium of $2,438.66. With respect to the action of the General Council, as quoted on the report of the delegates to the Convention at Greenville, Pa., found on page 64, English minutes, namely—"that in view of the great and suffering interests of our church in new cities and territories of this country, that the several Synods of the Council be earnestly admonished not to expend their means on small and unpromising places, but to have chief regard to the great centres of population and the larger and more growing communities."

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the admonition of the General Council to the District Synods, respecting the expenditures of funds for Home Missions, be commended to the attention of the Executive Committee of this Ministerium, with instruction to conform their appropriations to said admonition.

With reference to the improved arrangements to secure funds for the work of the Home Missions of the General Council, the Ministerium

Resolved, That at each annual meeting of the Synod, the Committee, which reports on the contributions for the benevolent purposes of the Synod, or a special committee, be charged with the duty of ascertaining how much has been contributed from the several charges to this purpose, and report to Synod the amount; also the congregations by which it has been given, and the charges that have made no contribution, so that the Synod can, from time to time, take such action as may be regarded necessary.

The Synod having instructed its delegates to use their influence to have General Council meet biennially instead of annually, action as follows was taken on the matter of Synodical representation:

Inasmuch as the Ministerium has advised the change from annual to biennial sessions of the General Council, we deem it best to advise no change in the basis or ratio of representation in the Council at this time.

An item of no little interest to the Synod and the church was the "adjustment of all difficulties in the matter of (harmonius) the Lingmasler Bequest."

The next annual meeting of the Ministerium will be held in Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lebanon, Pa, on Thursday before Trinity Sunday, June 13, 1889.

II. New York Ministerium.

The Ministerium of New York and adjacent States and countries assembled for its ninety-fourth meeting, from June 7th to 21st, 1888, in the Evangelical Luthern Church of the Holy Trinity, at Rondout, New York. The Synod is composed of 96 ministers and 105 congregations, and has a communicant membership of 33,292. It has 41 parochial schools, in which 46 teachers and 17 pastors instruct 2,635 scholars. It reports 112 Sunday Schools, with 21,033 children. Of infant baptism there were 5,024; adults, 45.

Two thousand one hundred and eighty-five were confirmed; 2,089 couples were married, and 2,225 persons buried. The contributions for congregational purposes of 53 congregations amounted to $156,476.33, while 63 congregations contributed $18,800.04 for benevolent purposes. Eight congregations received aid in the amount of $865.00; and 10 students in various institutions received $1,464.73.

Owing to the fact that the Rev. Mr. Paulsen, of Kropp, Germany, has openly brought complaints, false charges and untrue reports against their Professor the Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., of the Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., a vote of confidence was given him by the Synod. The New York Ministerium accepts the offer of the Board of Trustees of Wagner Memorial College to receive the college as its own institution. The work of Deaconesses was duly considered, as it has been herebefore from year to year.

The following Mission fields may be mentioned:

Mission at New York City.

Utica English Mission.

Brockport, New York.

Dunkirk, New York.

Also in the 4th District Conference and 2d and 3rd District Conference.

The Swedish Mission at Buffalo, N. Y., has also received support.

In two sessions Theses on "Justification by Faith" were discussed. Next year Theses are to be presented on the "Relation of Law and Gospel." Rev. George C. F. Haas presented an essay on Sunday Schools, their necessity, and how conducted. A committee reported on Ladies' Aid Societies. There exist sixty in the synod; only thirty-nine were heard from. These have a membership of 2,450, and receipts of $7,470. Rev. E. Hoffman, a most prominent member of Synod, and several times delegate to the General Council, has

departed this life. An effort is being made to amend the constitution so as to allow of an annual election of synodical officers instead of triennial. The proposed changes also contemplate greater caution in receiving men and ordaining candidates. In 1887 the presidents of the various conferences reported the draft for a "Visitations Ordnung," and mode of supervision over pastors and churches, which was considered by the various conferences, and will probably be adopted finally at the next synodical meeting. The delegate to the next meeting of the Pennsylvania Synod was instructed "to kindly request that body to use its endeavors in order that the offense given by the preaching of some of its members in the pulpits of other denominations may be removed." The history of the Synod, upon the preparation of which Rev. J. Nicum had been engaged for some time, is now published in a volume of 644 pages. Synod resolved to have a children's day in all its churches on the Friday nearest the 31st of October. Efforts are to be made to collect moneys for the general work of the church. Seven pastors on that occasion were received and three candidates ordained. The fund for the German theological professorship, of which Rev. A. Spaeth, D. D., is the present incumbent, now amounts to $7,000.

The next meeting of the Ministerium will take place on the Thursday following the first Sunday after Trinity. The officers of synod are authorized to accept any invitation; should none however be forthcoming, to designate a place where the synod is to assemble.

III. The Pittsburgh Synod.

The Forty-sixth Annual Convention of this body was held in St. John's and Trinity churches of Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pa., August 22-29th, 1888. The roll contains the names of 107 ministers, 87 pastoral charges, 185 congregations, with a communicant membership of 19,000. The parochial report shows that 1,531 children were baptized, 1,101 persons were confirmed, 759 received by certificate, and 1,622 catechumens were instructed.

The following contributions are reported:

To Synodical Treasury	$ 6,121 82
Pentecostal Offerings	1,700 00
General Council's Home Mission	609 91
Foreign Missions	600 85
Orphan Work	538 73
Thiel College	480 44
Other Objects of Benevolence	1,621 94
Local Expenses	28,164 30
	40,137 99

From the President's report we learn that during the year 5 congregations were organized, the corner stones of 7 new churches were laid, 9 churches were consecrated, 4 pastors were dismissed and 13 were received into Synodical membership, four of whom had been ordained by the examining committee in June.

Five young men were supported in the Seminary at Philadelphia, and five at Thiel College, at a cost of $1,549.75.

The energies of the Synod are taxed to their utmost tension in meeting the demands of the Educational and Mission work, opening up in every portion of the territory within her bounds.

Thiel College has entered upon a new career of usefulness. The scholastic year began in September, with a large number of new students. Rev. W. A. Beates, of Lancaster, O., has been elected to fill the vacancy in the Presidency of the institution, and Rev. H. K. Shaner, of Freeport, Pa., was chosen an instructor, with special reference to the taking charge of the Preparatory Department. These brethren have entered upon their work with increased facilities and the hearty co-operation of the ministers and congregations of the Synod. The future prospects are bright, and promise still greater measures of usefulness to the church.

The mission work is opening up in all directions. Twenty-seven Missionaries have been employed in the field, and have served 45 congregations.

MISSIONS

Are located in Allegheny City, Chicago, Cleveland, O., Corry, Coudersport, Braddock, Beaver Falls, Dempseytown, DuBois, Franklin, Homestead, Meadville, New Brighton, McKeesport, McKee's Rocks, Morgantown, Nova Scotia, Omstead, Parker, Pittsburgh, Renovo, Reynoldsville, Roulette, Saltsburg, Springdale, Tarentum, Youngstown, O., Uniontown, Washington, Wilkinsburg, Wood's Run, the aggregate membership of which is 1,980. They possess church property to the value of $110,000, on which rest debts to the amount of $26,000. The cost of their maintenance by the Synod was $4,225.00.

THE PRESENT MISSION FORCE

Consists of Rev. Drs. C. E. Cossman, G. A. Wenzel and W. O. Wilson, J. Welfley, F. W. Dietrich, J. W. Myers, E. J. Meissner, H. K. Shanor, W. A. Passavant, Jr., H. J. G. Bartholomew, Ivan Dietrich, J. Q. Waters, C. S. Kohler, N. Scheffer, E. Cressman, G. W. Hudson, I. K. Wismer, L. M. C. Weicksel, E. F. Krauss, J. A. Waters, H. W. Tope, J. H. Delo, G. E. Titzel, W. J. Finck

SUMMARY OF THE WORK DONE IN THE MISSIONS.

Five new churches have been erected, namely: At Uniontown, McKee's Rocks, Beaver Falls, Woods Run and Coudersport, at a

cost of $20,780. Nine congregation have been organized and three lots purchased; 264 infants were baptised; 326 catechumens instructed; 180 persons confirmed; 330 received by letter; the gospel preached and the sacraments administered to 1,980 souls; $535.64 paid to Synodical purposes; $9,925.00 to local objects; $361.81 to Pentecostal offering, for salaries, $5,732.46, being an average of $8.36 per member.

Thirty-one young men are in course of preparation for the gospel ministry from the congregations of the Synod.

Steps were taken towards organizing a Ministers' Relief Association, for the benefit of sick, disabled and aged ministers and their families, in the event of their death. It was

Resolved, That this Synod again calls the attention of the General Council to the absolute necessity of providing lesson leaves and other literature for our Sunday schools, without delay.

The next Convention will be held in Erie, Pa., in the church of Rev. I. O. Baker, August, 1889.

IV. District Synod of Ohio.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Synod was held in Salem Evangelical LutheranChurch, Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, May 30th to June 2, 1888. There were present 21 clergymen and 16 Lay delegates.

The parochial report shows a clerical membership of 29, of whom 25 serve parishes within the bounds of Synod, 1 in New York State, and 3 are without regular fields of labor. During the year its oldest member, Rev. Dewalt Rothacker, was called to his rest, two were dismissed to another Synod, and 3 ordained ministers were received into full membership at this Convention.

The Synod is divided into 30 parishes, of which 5 are vacant, 4 are Mission fields, and 3 are composed of independent congregations. The whole number of congregations is 63, with a communicant membership of 8,457. The accessions during the year were 444 by confirmation, and 256 by certificate. The total losses were 238. There were 539 baptisms, 166 marriages, and 309 funerals. Synod has 50 Sunday schools with 395 teachers, 4,378 scholars, and 1 parochial school with 2 teachers. It also has 10 Woman's Aid Societies and Leagues.

The total moneys raised during the year amounted to $25,006.47, of which $24,633.79 was for local objects, $1,338.39 for the Synodical Treasury, $120.22 for the General Councils Missions, and $590.21 for the benevolent object. The value of church property is $230,500.00, with an indebtedness of $14,132.32. (These reports are, however, in many respects quite defective).

The remainder of the debt with which Synod was, for some years burdened, was paid at this Convention, and besides Synod contributed $908.80 towards supporting 4 missions within its bounds, and $200.00 to support a student at the Philadelphia Seminary. Its missions are generally in a prosperous condition.

The revised constitution which was presented and discussed last year was finally adopted at this Convention.

The following items, adopted by Synod, are taken from the report of its "Committee on Minutes of the General Council," as found on page 28 of its printed minutes:

"1. We note the gratifying progress of the Church Book Committee in the preparation and publication of a common service, including ministerial acts, etc., and call the serious attention of said Committee to the propriety and desirability of publishing a Lutheran Hymnal for use in all our Evangelical Lutheran Congregations."

"3. We also heartily endorse the action on page 72, in which the Church Book Committee is instructed to prepare a Mission Service Book, and suggest the hymns of said book be accompanied with easy, appropriate and churchly music."

The Synod will hold its next Convention in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Loyal Oak, Summit county, Ohio, beginning the Wednesday before Trinity Sunday, 1889.

V. Scandinavian (Swedish) Augustana Synod.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Swedish Augustana Synod was held in the First Lutheran Church of Galesburg, Illinois, June 14–25, 1888.

The statistics for the year of 1887 show that 545 congregations of the Synod number 70,224 communicants, 122,559 members. At the meeting in Galesburg 29 young men were ordained to the ministry. The Lord has, during the year, called two of his ministers of this Synod to their heavenly reward.

The present number of pastors is	268
Number of Church buildings	383
" " Parsonages	179
Value of Church property	$2,079,700 00
(not including the educational and benevolent institutions).	
Debt on Church property	$332,512.00
Baptisms during the year:	
Children	5,345
Adults	4
Confirmed	2,858

Sunday Schools:	
Teachers	2,606
Scholars	19,889
Parochial schools:	
Teachers	272
Scholars	11,464
Contributions:	
Synodical Treasury	$1,738 20
Conference Treasury	638 58
Educational purposes	28,415 00
Home Missions	15,907 00
Foreign Missions	5,946 07
Orphans' Home, Church Extension, etc	19,476 50
Regular expenses	435,033 00

The four higher institutions of learning maintained by the Synod (Augustana College and Seminary, Rock Island, Ill.; Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peters, and Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas, Luther Academy, Wahoo, Neb.), have prospered during the year. Their fifty-seven instructors have had 868 students under their care. Augustana Hospital, in Chicago, during last year, received 103 patients. The Hospital at St. Paul will probably be reopened in the very near future. The five orphanages of the Synod furnish home privileges to 164 orphans. New institutions of learning have been founded at Salt Lake City, Utah, and at Moorhead, Minn. The beginning of their history is very encouraging.

At Omaha, Rev. Fogelstrom has organized a very strong and surprisingly successful Hospital and Deaconess work. At the meeting last summer a motion looking to the separation of the Theological Seminary at Rock Island from the college department, and the possible re-location of the Seminary at some other place caused considerable discussion, but the motion was finally voted down.

A great part of the time of the Synodical meeting in Galesburg was consumed by a warm and interesting discussion relative to certain important changes in the constitution of the Synod. The changes contemplated will be finally disposed of at the next meeting of the Synod.

The Synod is experiencing a great deal of trouble from the fact that it seems impossible to raise sufficient funds for the successful carrying on of the Home Mission operations of the General Committee of the Synod. Each of the seven conferences has such extensive fields of its own, with so large and immediate needs, that little money can be spared for the work of the General Committee.

The Mission of the Synod among the Mormons in Utah has been constantly growing, and will eventually constitute a separate conference.

The sum of $1,000 was appropriated for the Mission in India, under the control of the General Council.

No theological discussion was held at the Galesburg meeting, the time of the Synod being wholly occupied by the regular business of the Synod. The next Convention of the Augustana Synod will be held at Rock Island and Moline, Ill., commencing on June 8th, 1889.

VI. Canada Synod.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada was held in St. Peter's church at Zurich, Huron county, Ontario, from May 23d–28th, 1888. The Synod now numbers 26 self-sustaining parishes, with 58 congregations, 5 mission districts, with 13 mission congregations. Its whole number of congregations is 71, with a membership of 2,479, and of 600 communicants. At its last meeting 5 pastors were received, and a candidate who had shortly after the Convention come from Germany was ordained by the officers of the Synod. The whold number of clerical members composing the Synod at present is 31, over against 26 of last year. In 60 Sunday schools 3,061 scholars were taught by 342 teachers. The number of scholars and teachers of the 12 Parochial schools are not given in the reports of the Synod. Sixty-six pastoral districts have church buildings, and 36 parishes have parsonages of their own. There were 569 infant baptisms, and 398 young children were confirmed.

The contributions last year for Synodical Treasury are as follows:

(*a*) Home Mission	$1,537 29
(*b*) Foreign Missions	319 16
(*c*) For Orphans, Philadelphia Seminary, Emigrant Missions, etc	419 03
(*d*) Local purposes	19,864 74
(*e*) Three students of various institutions received	325 00
The Invalid Ministers' Aid Treasury had an income of	178 03
The whole amount of this treasury at present is	1,145 00

The Kirchenblatt, organ of the Synod, with about 900 subscribers, had a surplus of $241 50, a part of which was paid over to the Home Mission Treasury.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that our Synod is located at the extreme border of the General Council, we are in favor of retaining the present number of delegates. For these reasons our body would have the General Council meet biennially.

The next Annual Meeting of the Synod will take place at W. Marby, Gray county, Ont., Wednesday, June 12, 1889.

VII. Indiana Synod.

The Eighteenth Annual Convention of the Indiana Synod was held May 24–27th, 1888, in Colburn, Indiana, Rev. A. V. House, pastor.

It is composed of 16 ministers, 18 pastorates, 32 congregations, with a communicant membership of 2,741. It has 20 Sunday schools, with 1,591 scholars, eight women's societies that reported $30 in contributions. For Synodical purposes there was contributed $449.03. For Missions $22, Home Missions $37.71, local objects, $6,045. Estimated salaries, $7,365, making grand total of $13,948.74.

The Synod made appropriations of $600 to two missions. It is only the lack of means that prevents the Synod from occupying many important points within the territory.

It has one District Conference that holds two meetings annually, and has proven a helpful factor. At the last meeting it appointed Whitsuntide as Children's Day, when collections will be taken for Home Missions.

Upon last year's recommendation the lay delegates held a special session, to consider apportionments and finances, with gratifying results.

Inasmuch as the General Council's Home Mission field is very largely in the west, Synod respectfully recommends that some of the members of the English Committee be selected, if possible, from that section.

VIII. Synod of Texas.

There are no minutes of this body at hand, but a fraternal letter from the President of the First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas, informs us of his enforced absence from this meeting of the Council, through sickness, a matter which we deeply regret.

This Synod held its Thirty-sixth Convention in Immanual's Evangelical Lutheran Church at Pfluegersville, Travis county, Texas. It is now composed of 33 ministers, who serve 49 congregations, 36 of which are connected with the Synod. The number of communicants is 7,798. For many years the usage obtained in Texas that the pastors of nearly all the congregations were obliged to teach in the public schools in order to procure a sufficient income for their maintainance. Of course they were strictly forbidden to give religious instructions. Last year Synod took a decided stand against this practice. It urged upon pastors and churches the necessity of abolishing this state of things. Five pastors were successful in securing the consent of their congregations to abstain from teaching school in the future, and in obtaining an increase in their salary. They are now able to devote more time to their congregations. Between this Synod and the former German Home Mission Committee things do not appear to have run smoothly. The President of the Synod thought it advisable to procure no more men from that source until

the difficulties between some members of that Committee and the General Council had been adjusted. Complaint was also made that certain men had been supported from the funds of the committee without informing or consulting with the Missionary Committee of the Synod from which they also received support. The resolution passed last year that in securing men for the Synod of Texas, St. Chrischona, near Basle, Switzerland, be not overlooked, was re-enacted. The President, or inspector of this institution, is a certain Rev. Rappard, also is no Lutheran, and who fiercely attacked the position of the General Council at the occasion of his visit to America during the early part of the summer of 1887.

IX. The Synod of Iowa.

The seventeenth annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Iowa was held at Madison, Wis., from May 31st to June 7, 1888. There were present 79 members entitled to vote. The delegate Synod consists of four districts. The meetings of this body are held triennially. It represents 246 pastors, serving 387 congregations, 179 belong to the Synod, with a membership of 36,306 communicants, and in all, 65,240 souls. The total receipts were $126.999.86, of which $109,215.05 were for local objects and $17,784.81 for general purposes, of which $1,368.45 were for Foreign Missions.

The next meeting of the Synod will be held in 1890, the place of meeting not being determined.

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*No report.

Recommendations: We recommend—

1. The holding of biennial instead of annual sessions.

2. That the Committee on the Common Service take into consideration the desirability of having a common Hymnal in all the General Bodies using the English language.

3. That the General Council provide Lesson Leaves and other Sunday School literature without delay.

The Committee: G. F. Spieker, C. N. Conrad, C. A. Swensen, J. H. Hunton, D. M. Kemerer, C. Koerner, J. Veit, L. Kauffman, S. J. Beck, John Gangwere, J. W. Anderson.

The first recommendation of the foregoing report had already been decided for the present; the second was answered in the report of the Church Book Committee, and the third in the report of the Committee on Sunday School Work.

The following resolutions were adopted:

In order to provide the fullest opportunity for consultation, suggestion and co-operation in the Sunday School work of the General Council, and to secure the largest measure of satisfaction with, and the widest use of, the results of the labors of the Committee on Sunday School Work:

Resolved, 1. That said committee be enlarged so that each Synod, if it so desires, may be represented upon it.

2. That each District Synod be requested, at its annual conventions, to designate at least one person to serve on this committee.

3. That this enlarged committee be directed to devise and report a plan for the publication of these lessons, covering both the style and the contents thereof; and that the publishing itself, and any resulting revenue may be totally controlled by the General Council.

The delegates of Synods not heretofore represented on this Committee were authorized to nominate additional members as above provided for to the President.

The following names were therefore added to the Committee on Sunday School Work: Revs. Dr. H. W. Roth, G. W. Mechling, S. P. A. Lindahl, S. Wagenhals, D.D.

It was resolved, by the unanimous vote of the Council, that this General Council deems it proper, before adjournment, to express and put on record our appreciation of the services of Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., who for the past eight years so ably and impartially presided over this body, and that we take this occasion to return him our sincere thanks and to assure him of our continued high regard for his eminent talents and our personal esteem of his christian character.

The Committee on the President's report offered its report which was adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the President's report, desire to call the attention of the Council to the following items as eminently worthy of favorable consideration:

1. That the body known as "The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America," has sent a letter of friendly greeting to this Council with an expression of regret that they could not send a representative to attend this Convention. We hope that the time may soon come when that body shall be one with us in faith and practice and in united efforts to do the Lord's work.

2. The President, in accordance with the action taken by this Council at its last Convention, attended the "General Lutheran Conference," held in Hamburg in October, 1887. We take pleasure in expressing the conviction that our President fulfilled his mission with zeal and fidelity, that he was successful in placing before the Conference a just and comprehensive statement of the character and work of this Council, and that through his efforts a deep interest was awakened in the hearts of representative men of Germany, which, with the blessing of God, will lead to happy results.

3. The President's statements concerning the success and the prospects of the Deaconness work are worthy of grateful notice, and we commend it to the hearty sympathy of our churches and hope that they will furnish many godly young women who shall consecrate their lives to the service of God in works of christian mercy.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND BELFOUR,
F. A. KAEHLER,
J. G. WAGNER,
M. LANGENSTEIN.

The Committee on Relief Associations offered the following, which was received and adopted:

Church Relief Associations.

The undersigned, the only member present of the Committee on Relief Associations within the church, appointed in Philadelphia in 1885, respectfully reports that this committee has never been called together by its chairman for the important purposes of its appoint-

ment, and that, in consequence, nothing could be done by the committee, either in a comparison of views or the preparation of a Constitution for such an Association.

As the committee were instructed to have reference in such a Constitution to the action already taken by the Council, the undersigned would respectfully state that a carefully prepared Constitution, based upon the principles approved by this body at its convention in Bethlehem, was presented by the original committee at the convention in Zanesville, Ohio, and was accepted with great unanimity and ordered to be printed for distribution. The reaffirmation of this action by the Council at this Convention, it is believed, would place in the hands of our people the mature result of many years of careful deliberation, and accomplish the laudable object in the appointment of the Committee.

W. A. Passavant.

The action of the Zanesville meeting was ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Minutes. (To be furnished by Rev. Dr. Passavant.)

The Committee on the Communication from the M. E. Conference offered the following, which was adopted :

REPORT

OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE METHODIST APPLICATION.

The document handed to your Committee is issued by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and addressed "To the Evangelical Lutheran National Convention;" it is a request for the appointment of Lutheran members for "a National Sabbath Committee" "to make a deliverance on new phases of the Sabbath question in behalf of the whole Evangelical church."

After careful consideration of this subject, your committee recommend that while we insist unequivocally on scriptural and evangelical observance of the Lord's day, for weighty doctrinal and practical reasons, the General Council cannot engage in the appointment of members to this National Sabbath Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. L. Seip, A. Spaeth,
P. Sjœblom, A. G. Anderson,
C. Snyder.

Rev. Dr. Spaeth offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, That the following question be recommended to the next Convention of the General Council as a subject of discussion : "How does the preaching in the pulpits of other than Lutheran

churches, especially during Synodical Conventions, agree with the declaration of the General Council, made in Pittsburgh in 1868?"

"Lutheran ministers may properly preach whenever there is an opening in the pulpit of other churches, unless the circumstances imply, or seem to imply, a fellowship with error and schism, or a restriction on the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God."

Resolved, That the President appoint one or more persons to bring this matter in proper form for discussion before the next Convention.

Rev. Gerberding offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

In view of the great and rapidly increasing Home Mission work, which the Great Head of the church has laid upon us, be it

1. *Resolved*, That the General Council urge upon all her congregations and Sunday schools the setting apart of the Sunday after Ascension as Children's Day, for the special purpose of securing collections for Home Missions.
2. That appropriate circulars, programmes and envelopes be prepared and distributed in good time by the Secretaries of Conferences.
3. That the Secretaries of the Council communicate the above resolutions to the Secretaries of the Conferences.

Rev. J. Nicum offered the report of the Committee on Statistics, which was received as follows, and it was ordered that its recommendations be referred to the District Synods:

Report of Committee on Statistics.

Your Committee, charged with the duty of presenting a blank for parocial reports which could be recommended for adoption to the various Synods constituting the General Council (see Minutes 1887, p. 40) would respectfully present the following:

Comparing the parochial tables of the various District Synods, it will be seen that no two Synods have the same system of returns. The blanks of all Synods differ from each other in a greater or less number of particulars. They agree in only a few particulars. All provide for a return of the number of congregations served by the respective pastor, for a return of the baptism of children and adults as well as of those confirmed during the year, for a return of the number of communicants, as well as of Sunday schools, and for a report of moneys raised. With reference to some of the items the manner of reporting them, however, is essentially different in the various blanks.

In addition to those returns, which are provided for in the blanks of all Synods, some parochial tables include also the following particulars:

1. Name of pastor serving the congregation. The Augustana Synod even reports date and place of birth, date and place of ordination of each pastor.

2. Name of congregation. The Augustana table adds time of organization, church building, when erected and of what material, parsonage, value of church property and amount of debt resting on the same.

3. Number of persons received from Lutheran Churches, as well as those coming from other denominations. Some Synods combine the two. One provides for an enumeration of those restored to church fellowship.

4. Several Synods do not ask for a report concerning losses sustained by death, removal, excommunication, or by dropping members from the list.

5. Several German Synods report the number of voting members.

6. The Augustana Synod, in conformity with the Synods in the Synodical Conference, provides for a return of the number of souls in the various congregations.

7. The parochial tables of most Synods contain a column for the number of confirmed members, or of such persons whose names appear upon the church records as being in some way connected or identified with the congregation.

8. Whilst all blanks provide for a return of the number of communicants, the manner of returning them is very different in the various Synods. Some Synods count each person that communes within the year but once, irrespective of the number of times he may have gone to communion during the year; others again report the aggregate of all communicants at the various communion seasons during the year, whilst there are still other Synods in which both systems obtain.

9. As to other ministerial acts some Synods request a return of the number of marriages, of children attending catechetical instruction, and of all funerals conducted by the pastor.

10. One Synod asks for a report of all Benevolent, Missionary, Young Men's, Young Ladies' and Dorcas' Societies.

11. The parochial blanks of all Synods provide for a report on Sunday schools, and most of them also for a similar one on week day or parochial schools.

12. With reference to contributions nearly every Synod follows its own system, generally necessitated by the peculiar condition of its particular work.

It would, indeed, be desirable to have a uniform system so that the same parochial blank could and would be used by all Synods. But such a system of absolute uniformity is hardly attainable among the Synods comprising the General Council; neither is it necessary. Your committee think that it ought to be our object to secure uni-

formity in the returns of such items which are usually given in church statistics. Every Synod can conform to such a system without interfering with the returns heretofore in vogue, and necessitated by the peculiar condition of the work within its own territory.

In our opinion, the only particulars necessary for such a uniform schedule, and which the parochial blank of each Synod should contain:

1. The number of churches served by the pastor making the report.

2. The number of confirmed persons identified with the church.

3. The number of parochial schools, of teachers employed and of children attending the same.

4. The number of Lutheran Sunday schools, of teachers and of scholars.

5. The amount of moneys raised:

(*a*). For congregational purposes, including current expenses, repairs, cost of maintaining parochial and Sunday schools, etc.

(*b*). For Missionary, Educational and Synodical purposes.

(*c*). For all other benevolent purposes, viz.: Orphan's Homes, sick and poor, bible cause, etc.

H. E, JACOBS,
T. H. DIEHL,
J. NICUM.

The name of Rev. S. E. Ochsenford was substituted for that of Rev. Dr. H. E. Jacobs on the Committee on Statistics.

The number of minutes of this Convention to be published, was left to the judgment of the Secretaries.

It was resolved that the English Secretary return the thanks of this body to the members and friends of St. John's Church for the kind and generous hospitalities extended to delegates and visitors during this Convention; and that he furnish a resolution of like import to be read, by their pastors, to the Augustana and Emmanuel's Churches at their next service.

The thanks of this Ceuncil were also tendered to friends in St. Paul, who made such ample provision for the reception of the members of this body on the occasion of their visit to their beautiful city, and to the railroad companies for liberal favors to delegates and visitors.

Finally, the minutes of this session were read and approved, when the Convention adjourned *sine die* at 12 M.

Hymn No. 274 was sung, and the President closed the Convention with appropriate services.

G. W. MECHLING,
English Recording Secretary of the General Council.

REV. BEALE MELANCHTHON SCHMUCKER, D. D.

Less than a month after the adjournment of the Council, and before these minutes could be placed in the printer's hands, it pleased God to call from his labors to his reward His eminent and faithful servant, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., who suddenly departed this life on the 15th of October, 1888, while on his way to discharge the responsible duties imposed upon him by this body. The distinguished services he has for many years rendered to the church in general, and to the General Council in particular, will fully justify the addition of this note to the minutes.

He was a son of Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and a grandson of Rev. J. G. Schmucker, D. D., of York, Pa. The value of his labors in behalf of the pure Lutheran faith and worship cannot be estimated; and the loss that the church has sustained in his departure may be, *and is*, deeply and widely *felt;* but *its extent cannot be told.* He was one of the most eminent founders of the General Council, and he has served her with self-sacrificing zeal and unflinching fidelity from her organization until God called him to his reward. "His zeal for the church consumed him. Nothing that she could ask was too burdensome. As years advanced his work was increased. At the time of his death he was struggling under duties that should have employed at least three men." He was Corresponding Secretary of the General Council, Secretary of Foreign Missions and of the Church Book Committee, Chairman of the Committee on Constitutions for Congregations and Synods, a most prominent and active member of the Committee on the Catechism, on the Common Service, on the Divine Law of Marriage, etc. There is no great work of the Council that does not bear the impress of his profound scholarship and of his devotion to the church. In the development of the Foreign Mission work, in the Church Book, in the Common Service Book, in the Sunday School Book, and in the translation of the Augsburg Confession and of the Catechism, he has left imperishable monuments, for which present and future generations will rise up and bless his memory. He now rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

G. W. MECHLING,
English Sec. of G. C.

DIVINE SERVICES.

Thursday Morning, September 13. The opening services, consisting of the Order of Confession and Absolution, conducted by the English Secretary, Rev. G. W. Mechling, the opening sermon by the President, Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth, and the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Friday Evening, September 14. Addresses on Home Missions were delivered in St. John's English Lutheran Church by Revs. W. A. Passavant, Jr., J. Nicum, Dr. Spieker; and in the Augustana Church by Revs. Dr. Belfour and C. A. Swensen.

On Sunday: Rev. Dr. Seiss preached in St. John's Church in the morning, and Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker in the evening, when the church was dedicated. Services were also held in the Swedish churches.

Monday Evening, September 17. Addresses were delivered on Foreign Missions by Revs. G. W. Mechling and J. A. Krantz, in St. John's Church, and by Revs. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, S. P. A. Lindahl. and Dr. T. N. Hasselquist, in the Augustana Church.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Pastors.	Churches.	Communicant Members.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Collections.	Place and Time of Next Convention.	Secretaries.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania..	1748	260	433	100,782	8,575	7,793	$496,024 82	Salem's Church, Lebanon, Pa., June 13, 1889.	Ger. Rev. L. Lindentruth, Mauch Chunk. Eng. Sec'y, Rev J. M. Auspach, Easton, Pa.
Ministerium of New York.....	1787	96	115	33,292	5,069	2,185	175,276 33	First Sunday after Trinity, 1889.	Ger. Rev. D. W. Petersen, Middle Village, L.I. Eng. Sec'y, Rev. F. A. Kaehler, Buffalo, N.Y.
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	1845	107	185	19,000	1,531	1,860	40,137 89	Erie, Pa., August 28, 1889.	Eng. Sec'y, Rev. J Q. Waters, Chartiers, Pa. Ger. Rev. C. F. Tiemann, Connellsville, Pa.
Synod of Ohio	1857	29	63	8,457	539	700	25,006 47	Loyal Oak, Summit Co. O , Wednesday before Trinity, 1889.	Rev. James F. Beates, Toledo, Ohio.
Augustana Synod	1860	268	545	70,244	55,345	*2,858	507,214 35	Rock Island and Moline, Ills., June 8, 1889.	Rev. N. Forsander, Hepburn, Page co., Ia.
Synod of Canada..... ...	1861	31	71	7,600	569	*398	24,029 74	Gray Co., Ontario, June 12, 1889.	Rev. C. M. Genzmer, 114 Bond street, Toronto, Ontario.
Synod of Indiana	1871	16	32	2,741	193	246	13,948 74	St. James, Montgomery Co., Ind., 1889.	Rev. Jesse Dunn, Goshen, Indiana.
Synod of Texas	1851	33	49	7,798	1,213	*584	1,730 82	Arneckville, DeWitt Co , Texas, third Sunday after Easter, 1889.	Rev. G. Stricker, Meyersville, DeWitt county, Texas.
		840	1,493	249,914	73,034	16,624	$1,289,869 16		
Synod of Iowa.....	1854	246	387	36,306	*a*	*a*	*a*	*a*	
Norwegian Augustana Synod..	1860	30	*a*	3,600	*a*	*a*	*a*	*a*	
		1,116	1,880	289,820	.....	.....	.....	*a*	

a No report.

* Confirmations only.

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APPENDIX.

*Proposed Constitution of a Local Mutual Relief Association.**

ARTICLE I.—THE NAME.

The name of this Association shall be the "Mutual Relief Society of the ..... Evangelical Lutheran Church at ..... in connection with the ..... Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE II.—THE OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The object of this Society is the more perfect fulfilment of the law of Christ, in "bearing on one another's burdens," by procuring suitable employment for those seeking work, by timely assistance during sickness and disability, by a becoming burial in the event of death, and by making provision for the needy families of its deceased members.

ARTICLE III.—OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The members of this Society shall consist of such approved members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at ..... as have been received into the Society in accordance with the provision of its Constitution, and maintain their connection with the congregation.

SEC. 2. The following are not eligible to membership: 1. Persons who are clearly cases of Christian charity, for whom provision should be made by the church through her proper officers. 2. Those who are idle or improvident. 3. Those who are not in approved standing in the church.

SEC. 3. In order to admission, a written request, signed by the applicant, and accompanied by a certificate of good standing in the church from the pastor or church council, must be presented to

*NOTE.—Since the adjournment of the Council it has been discovered that the Constitution for the *General Mutual Relief Society*, to be composed of the local relief societies in the churches, had not been passed upon by that body at Zanesville, as was supposed. For this reason and because important principles are involved, requiring examination and discussion, it is deemed best to defer its publication until after the next Convention.

the Society at a regular monthly meeting, through one of the officers. After the reading of these papers they shall be referred to a committee of inquiry, which shall report on the application at the next monthly meeting. After the consideration of such report, a vote by ballot shall be held in the case of each applicant, and a vote of two-thirds of those present shall be deemed sufficient for the election.

Sec. 4. After such election and his introduction by the President to the Society, the Constitution and By-Laws shall be read by the Secretary, and on the signing of the same by the applicant, his name shall be entered by the Secretary on the Roll of Membership.

Sec. 5. The pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church with which this Society is connected, shall be regarded as a member by virtue of his office, and shall be entitled to the privileges of speech and suffrage. The payment of regular and special dues, however, is necessary to entitle him to the mutual benefits of the Association.

Article IV.—Of the Officers and their Duties.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chaplain and two or more Wardens, as the wants of the Society may from time to time require.

Sec. 2. The election of the officers shall be held by ballot; a majority of those constituting a quorum being necessary to an election. With the exception of the first election, they shall be chosen annually on the first Monday evening in January, and shall serve for a period of twelve calendar months. Vacancies by death, removal, resignation, or from any cause whatever, during the interval, shall be filled by the Society at any regular monthly meeting. In case of failure to elect at the annual meeting in January, for want of a quorum or for any other unavoidable cause, the old officers shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, maintain order and perform all usual duties devolving upon the Chairman. He shall also exercise a watchful supervision over the affairs of the Society, and make it his special concern, that the benevolent objects of the Society and the provisions of the Constitution towards this end are conscientiously observed.

Sec. 4. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence, and in the event of his death, resignation, removal, or dismissal from office, shall succeed to the office of President.

Sec. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct minute of the proceedings of the Society, and transcribe the same, when

approved, in the official Record Book. He shall prepare and publish notices of all meetings of the Society, sign all orders on the Treasurer, approved by the Wardens, and perform such other duties which the nature of his office may from time to time require.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall keep a correct list of all the members of the Society, receive the monthly and special dues of the members, notify all who are in arrears for a period of three months, pay over all moneys to the Wardens of the Society for which orders are presented signed by the President and Secretary on the resolution of the Society; and at the expiration of his office, or on his removal, resignation or retirement by the Society, shall hand over to his successor in office all books, papers, vouchers, valuables and moneys belonging to the Society, which may be in his hands.

SEC. 7. The pastor of the church shall, by virtue of his office, be the Chaplain of the Society, opening the meetings with the reading of the Word and with prayer, and closihg the same with the Lord's Prayer and the benediction. In the absence of the pastor, and in all places where there is no resident minister, the Society shall elect a person of approved character as Chaplain, who shall open and close the meetings in the manner prescribed above.

SEC. 8. The Wardens shall receive from the Treasurer and personally pay over to those designated by the Society, all weekly and other benefits and allowances, taking receipts for the same and making due report of their work to the Society. They shall also, in connection with the Standing Committees, arrange for the systematic visitation and care of the sick and disabled, make the necessary provision for the burial of deceased members whenever desired, and in general, give special attention to the carrying out of the benevolent objects of the Association.

ARTICLE V.—ADMISSION FEE, AND MONTHLY AND SPECIAL DUES.

SECTION 1. Each person on becoming a member shall pay an admission fee of one dollar into the Treasury.

SEC. 2. Each member shall pay the monthly sum of twenty-five cents from the date of admission.

SEC. 3. In case of special need, either for the relief of the suffering or for the burial of deceased members, the necessary assessments made by the officers of the Society, shall also be paid.

SEC. 4. Members belonging to the General Mutual Relief Society shall pay to the Treasurer the sum of one dollar within twenty days after official notification of the death of each member belonging to the General Society.

Article VI.—Benefits.

Section 1. In case of sickness or disability on the part of any member, written notification having been given to the President or Secretary of the Society, arrangements shall be made by the officers for the needed assistance, and night nursing, by the members, until such service is no longer required.

Sec. 2. Each local Society shall determine the amount of weekly relief to be paid in cases of sickness and disability, but in no case shall this exceed four dollars per week.

Sec. 3. The amount appropriated for the funeral expenses of members shall be determined by each Society. This sum shall be expended under the direction of the Wardens, or be paid over to the nearest relation of the deceased, according to the judgment of the Society.

Sec. 4. On the death of a member, who is also a member of the General Relief Society, and entitled to its benefits, the whole amount received from the Treasurer of the General Relief Society, in his behalf, shall be paid over by the members to the nearest relation of the deceased, or to his heirs, unless he may have made legal provision for its payment elsewhere, in which case it shall be the special duty of the officers of the Society to see that the wishes of the deceased are faithfully carried out.

Article VII.

Section 1. Suspension or expulsion from the Communion of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with which this Society is connected, shall be understood as carrying with it suspension or expulsion from this Society.

Sec. 2. Withdrawal from the fellowship of the church aforesaid shall be regarded as withdrawal from the Relief Society of the church.

Sec. 3. The neglect of the meetings of the Society, the evasion of the duties which are assigned by the officers towards the suffering or their families, or the refusal to pay the monthly and special dues and assessments in their behalf, and in general, the disregard and violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, shall subject the member so offending to be repremanded, fined, suspended or expelled, after due trial and conviction.

Sec. 4. Unpaid dues and assessments against a member, for more than sixteen weeks, unless in the case of the sick and disabled, work a forfeiture of all right to the benefits of the Society, and such forfeiture can be removed only by the payment of all arrearages, and a solemn promise faithfully to obey the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society in future.

Article VIII.—Miscellaneous.

Section 1. The services of the officers and working committees of this Society shall be absolutely free; nor shall any gift or compensation be bestowed or received for services rendered the Society or its needy members.

Sec. 2. It shall not be lawful to appropriate the funds of the Society for any other purpose than the relief of its members, as determined by the Constitution, and the diversion of such funds for the purpose of regalia, badges or the expenses and entertainment of visitors, processions, etc., is strictly forbidden.

Sec. 3. The expenses for rent of places of meeting, where this is unavoidable, as well as all incidental outlays, for fuel, light, etc., together with the traveling expenses of brethren laboring in the interests of the local or General Society, shall be bourne by special assessment or by the voluntary contributions of the members, as the Society may determine from time to time.

Sec. 4. It shall not be deemed out of the province of the Society to institute and maintain a course of lectures, illustrating the principles of the Association, in their application to the various departments of the Christian work, contemplated in the formation of the Society. The proceeds of such lectures shall not accrue to the benefit of the Society, but shall be distributed, according to its judgment, among worthy objects of suffering, who cannot avail themselves of the benefits of this Association.

Sec. 5. It shall be the right of each local Society to adopt such By-Laws as may, in its judgment, aid in carrying out more effectually the purposes of the Association, provided, however, that in no case shall such By-Laws conflict with this Constitution.

Article IX.—Alterations.

Section 1. Alterations or amendments may be made to this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any monthly meeting, provided, however, that due notice shall have been given of such alteration or amendment at two previous monthly meetings of the Society, and provided also that such alteration or amendments shall have first received the written approval of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation, with which this Society is connected.

Sec. 2. This Society shall not be disbanded so long as five members in good standing remain and continue to discharge their duties as prescribed by the Constitution. In the event of its dissolution, any funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer shall be paid to the Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with which the Society is connected, for the relief of its suffering or disabled members.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

JULY, 1887, TO JUNE, 1888.

Presented to the General Council at its Meeting at Minneapolis, Minnesota, September, 1888.

To the General Council, &c., Minneapolis, Minn., Sept., 1888.

Dear Brethren—The Committee for Foreign Missions appointed by you at your meeting last year begs leave to make the following report:

With but a few exceptions the Committee has met regularly on the fourth Monday of each month, at the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, and has given such attention to the work entrusted to them as they were able, and circumstances seemed to demand. During the year there has been some change in the Districts supervised by a couple of our Missionaries, and some reduction in the number of European Missionaries in the field. On account of ill health of himself and family, it was made imperatively necessary for the Rev. J. K. Poulsen to leave India and return to Europe. He laid down his work in April, and letters received from him announce his arrival in Copenhagen, May 28th, of this year.

In view of the small number of European missionaries in the field, it cannot be regarded otherwise than as seemingly unfortunate that the force should suffer any reduction whatever. Especially is this the case when one like Mr. Poulsen, who has labored long and faithfully in India, and who understands every part of the work, is obliged to sever his connection with the Mission.

Mr. Poulsen's departure from India left the Samulcotta District uncared for, which was a condition of affairs that could not be permitted to continue. Consequently the Rev. Mr. Dietrich was directed to occupy the Mission House at Samulcotta for the present, and to take

charge and oversight of that District. The transfer to the care of Mr. Dietrich was made April 10th by Mrs. Poulsen, in the absence of Mr. Poulsen, who had been obliged to leave before that time for Madras.

Mr. Dietrich's removal to Samulcotta rendered another change necessary, and therefore the Committee *Resolved*, That the Rev. Mr. Schmidt should, in addition to his own field, have charge, temporarily, of the work at Dowlaishwaram, and that the building should be carried on in consultation with Mr. Dietrich, according to his plans and under the agreements he had already made.

The Reports from this District will show the importance of soon making permanent arrangements for the care of this part of the Mission field.

The Rev. J. K. Poulsen having returned to his native country, the Missionaries now in the field are as follows: The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, in charge of the Rajahmundry, and temporarily, of the Dowlaishwaram Districts, and also having the oversight of the Velpur and Jagurupad Districts, of which the Rev. N. Paulus and the Rev. T. Joseph are the native pastors; the Rev. F. S. Dietrich, at present in charge of the Samulcotta District; the Rev. F. J. McCready, in charge of the Tallapudi District; and the Rev. Wm. Grœnning, in charge of the Mission Schools at Rajahmundry.

The question of the Mohammedan Schools, begun by the late Rev. H. G. B. Artman, has engaged the attention of your Committee. The Rev. Mr. McCready requested permission to circulate an "Appeal in behalf of the Artman Mohammedan Schools, Rajahmundry, Godavery District, India," which was addressed to "All members of the Christian Church interested and concerned in the spread of the gospel, among the followers of Mahomed, of the town of Rajahmundry."

Owing to certain facts connected with the organization and government of these schools, and the instruction given to their pupils, your Committee could not see its way clear to take them entirely under its care at present. It, however, adopted the following action:

1. That one of our Missionaries be authorized and desired to take oversight of the schools in the same manner and to the same extent as exercised by Mr. Artman, Mr. Dietrich and Mr. McCready until now.

2. That as Mr. McCready has removed to Tallipudi, Mr. Grœnning be requested to take such oversight of the schools.

3. That under the oversight and direction of Mr. Grœnning, Christian religious instruction be furnished at our cost in the schools, but that no other expenses be borne by our Mission Treasury.

4. That the "Appeal" (of Mr. McCready) may be sent freely anywhere else in any country, but not within the churches of the General Council.

It should be stated here that Mr. McCready spoke of sending his Appeal to friends in other Christian countries, and to that fact reference is made in the 4th resolution adopted by the Committee.

We call attention again to the fact that the construction of a Mission House at Dowlaishwaram has been rendered imperatively necessary. After due consideration it was decided to make it an "Artman Memorial," and we trust that the friends of the late Mr. Artman will remember this undertaking with their prayers and their contributions.

In our last Annual Report (page 26) reference was made to the great need of a Biblical History, with illustrations, for use in imparting religious instruction. This subject has been before the Committee again, and at its meeting, April 23d, 1888, the following action was taken:

Resolved, That Bro. Grœnning be requested to prepare for publication in Telugu a Biblical History.

Resolved, That he be also requested to consult with the other Missionaries, and to consider the experience of other Missions in such works, as to whether it would be better that the History be in the words of the Telugu Bible, or that it be an independent narrative.

Resolved, That the Committee will engage to provide the plates and furnish the funds for the publication of an edition of the said History.

In looking over the Church at home, and considering the many vast interests that constantly engage its attention, it is gratifying to see that the cause of Foreign Missions is not lacking in friends, nor is their number and zeal growing less from year to year. Indeed the very opposite of this seems to be the case. For in some parts of the Church, and we may mention the Pittsburgh Synod especially, there seems to be an increased interest in our work, and earnest efforts are put forth and faithful prayers are offered in behalf of this great cause of bringing the heathen to know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He hath sent. Nevertheless, we are convinced that a still more general interest in Foreign Missions should be manifested by the congregations and people that are connected with the General Council. That we have but the one Mission Station in heathen lands is hardly to the credit of our part of the Church, and that this one station is not better supported so that its boundaries might be yet more widely extended, is a fact that we respectfully submit should engage the earnest attention of your Body, if happily measures might be adopted which, commending themselves to our people, would secure for this work such a generous sup-

port as would enable us to send out more Missionaries, locate new stations, erect the necessary churches, school buildings and dwellings, and in every possible way develop the field to the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Your Committee, in the endeavor to bring about such results, a few months ago appointed a sub-committee to devise ways and means by which a greater interest in our work, on the part of the members of our Synods and congregations, might be secured.

The report presented and adopted is herewith submitted; to wit:

1. That there be issued statedly by the Committee for Foreign Missions, in German and English, a publication conveying information for the use of pastors and others at Missionary services.

2. That a committee be appointed who shall consider the details of such publication, and report at the next meeting as to contents, form and all matters connected with such publication, and if possible, present the matter for one number. The committee appointed are Revs. F. Wischan, Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, and F. W. Weiskotten.

3. That we earnestly call upon all pastors and congregations to hold Mission services monthly, quarterly, or as often as circumstances may permit.

4. That pastors, congregations and Sunday-schools be urged to introduce the *Cent Collection Books*, which are published and furnished gratuitously by the Committee.

5. That we recommend that at every Missionary service a collection be taken up, and that the amount thus collected be devoted to the object of the meeting.

6. That, as a means of carrying out the above resolutions, in so far as they refer to the work to be done in the congregations, we recommend the formation of Missionary Societies in the churches, in which societies the interest and co-operation of all the members of the congregation, old and young, shall be enlisted.

7. That we call upon our pastors and congregations to subscribe for and circulate among their people the papers published by this Committee, viz: *The Missions-Bote* and *The Foreign Missionary.*

8. That this report, as here given, be referred to the committee on the publication of matter for Missionary meetings, to be brought to the attention of the Churches.

9. That this report be published in our Mission papers and in the Church papers.

The "publication" contemplated in No. 1 of the foregoing report, owing to the absence of two of the special committee from the country, has not yet appeared, but it is hoped that it will be ready for distribution early in the approaching Fall.

Though the Treasurer's accounts will give the details and items of receipts and expenditures, we nevertheless think it proper to present in this place a summary of the financial part of our work. The figures given represent only the actual receipts and the actual expenditures from the last meeting of the General Council to the time of closing this report, September 7th. Consequently, whatever balance or deficiency there may have been in any fund at the close of the previous year, does not appear in this statement, unless particularly mentioned.

The Foreign Mission Fund.

Receipts, 1887–88	$10,288.20
Expenditures (including $439.42 overdrawn in 1886–87)	10,307.89
Deficit	$19.69

The Missions-Bote.

Receipts, 1887–88	$2188.47
Expenditures	1671.19
Balance	$517.28

The Foreign Missionary.

Receipts, 1887–88	$619.33
Expenditures	754.35
Deficit	$135.02

The Artman Memorial Fund.

Receipts, including balance, 1887–88	$950.72
Expenditures	680.03
Balance	$270.69

The Foreign Mission Fund.—Compared with previous year.

	1887.	1888.
Receipts	$9066.88	$10,288.20
Expenditures	9506.30	10,307.89

While it must not be thought that any of the Committee for Foreign Missions give their time and labor for the sake of the praise of men, it is but right and proper that those who, in a very especial way, labor, as the representatives of the General Council, should receive some acknowledgment of their services. Therefore, we desire to record the fact that the Rev. F. Wischan, with the assistance of several other members of the Committee, has ably edited *The Missions-Bote* from the day of its first issue up to the present time, and that the Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D., LL.D., who has acted as editor of *The Foreign Missionary* from very early in its history, still continues his services in that direction. Both of these brethren have given time and labor, without

any remuneration whatever, and often at personal cost of money. It should also be stated that, for a couple of years or more, the Rev. F. Wischan and the Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer have furnished, at their own expense, the electrotypes used in *The Missions-Bote* and *The Foreign Missionary*, respectively. The Rev. C. G. Fisher has very kindly acted as the agent of *The Foreign Missionary* for several years past without any compensation whatever.

At one of our recent meetings the English secretary, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker announced his intention to relinquish, in the near future, the duties of the secretaryship, assigning as his reason for so doing the fact that other important work for the Church engages all his time and attention. While we are of the opinion that one man should not be overtaxed or burdened, Dr. Schmucker has served the Church in the capacity of Secretary of our Foreign Mission Committee so long, so faithfully and intelligently, that we cannot but contemplate with regret the prospect of his laying down the office he has so ably filled; and we would be glad if such arrangements for the future could be made as would secure a continuance of Dr. Schmucker in his present office.

It is not necessary to give a *resume* of the work of the several Missionaries in their several Districts. The reports which are here appended will afford a clear insight into the work, and while they show what is being accomplished in India and what more is to be done there, we hope that they will also stir up many hearts in the Church here to pray and labor for the divine blessing upon the cause of Foreign Missions. The great needs of the Mission-field at present are, *Missionaries, money* and *prayer*. Let us have the last—earnest, faithful, believing prayer, and the others will follow, God will be glorified, and many will be added to the number of such as shall be saved.

Annual Reports.

Rajahmundry District, Town and Surrounding Country, and Velpur District.
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Missionary in Charge.
July to December, 1887.

Parochial Report.

For the half year ending December 31, 1887, of the Rajahmundry and Korukonda District, H. C. SCHMIDT, Pastor.

No.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Remarks.
1	Rajahmundry,	.....	72	60	73	76	149	Exclusive of Boarding Schools.
2	Gonegudiem,	B. John.	.....	.....	2	5	7	
3	Bolledupadu,	.....	.....	.....	2	3	5	
4	Singaram,	.....	.....	.....	2	4	6	

The Velpur District.—Native Pastor, Rev. N. Paulus.

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt still has the oversight of this District. The diary of the Native Pastor, the Rev. N. Paulus, for the last six months, ending December 31, 1887, has been sent to the Committee, and gives evidence of untiring zeal and faithful pastoral labor. The following extracts will give some idea of the way the work is carried on in the different villages:

October 2, Velpur; Service—Luke, 14: 1–11. *P. M.*, Mallipudi; Meeting was held.

October 3, Relaugi; Preached in the market house about the true God and the Saviour Jesus. Several people crowded together and heard the word of God with attention. One of them said: "All this is quite true." *P. M.*, Boharajupalem; Conducted prayer-meeting. A goldsmith approved of the Christian doctrine.

Oct. 6, Athihili; Went into the market and sang a song, and also read a tract called "*The Gospel of Salvation.*" A great number of people gathered together and listened quietly. One of them asked: "What is the difference between a believer and an unbeliver? Can the unbeliever escape death?" All the attendants agreed to the explanations.

A brief account of the Mission work of the last year, i e., 1887, *in Velpur District.*

I am thankful to say the Lord was kind enough to bless us all in several respects much better than the last year. Although I was alone from last May, I had many opportunities of visiting the congregations, etc., to advise them in several matters. There was no danger by inundation, no plagues and not many deaths, crops were better, people enjoyed good health. In several villages people are anxious to read and to be instructed in religious things. Opposition regarding religion is generally falling away. The Mission Agents are doing their work faithfully. The Christians set

a good example by observing the Lord's day, and they also showed much interest in setting up Christmas trees in several congregations, and observed it as a festival day. They lived in love and amity without quarrels—scholars increased. Night schools in some places were opened. People are not much inclined to give collections, but still the idea has been carried out to some extent. We rejoiced and gave thanks for God's innumerable blessings of the last year.

Hoping you will not forget us in your beloved prayers,

Your faithful servant in Christ,

N. PAULUS.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

For the half-year ending December 31st, 1887, of the Velpur District, N. PAULUS, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS	No. Baptized during the half year.			No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain		Loss.				Total No. of Christians.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.	Christian Children.				R.	A.	P.	By Baptism.	Total.	By Death.	Back-Sliders.	By removing to other places.	Total.	
1	Velpur	R. Yohan	.....	.....	.....	13	13	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	30
2	Mallipudi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...			...	...	...	...	...	2	...	10
3	Bobarajupalem	D. Nathaniel	.....	.....	.....	15	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	42
4	Meenaillur	R. Isaac	.....	.....	1	16	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	36
5	Malleisheudram	R. Nathaniel	.....	.....	1	15	13	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	5	5	10	51
6	Mukkamald	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	7
7	Kandanelli	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1
8	Vodali	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	5
9	Nadipudi	B. Venkannah	.....	.....	1	9	8	...	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	.....	1	17
10	Jagannadapuram	K. Joseph	.....	.....	.....	9	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	25
11	Palcole	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	14
12	Acegartipalem	P. Lazar	1	.....	2	14	10	..	2	4	...	3	3	...	...	.....	...	35
13	Adivipalem	.....	.....	.....	.....		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	.....	1	10
14	Kanitavada	.....	1	.....	.....	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	.....	....	9
15	Talataditippa	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	6
16	Doosanapudi	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	5
17	Kamatalapalli	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	21
18	Korrapad	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	59
19	Karecunada	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1
20	Emnepalli	G. Cornelius	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1
21	Thadare	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	21
22	Vissacodare	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	10	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	7	.....	7	59
23	Vandra	G. Samuel	.....	.....	.....	12	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	21
24	Kumadavelli	P. Gnanaprakasem	.....	.....	.....	25	17	...	1	11	...	...	2	...	2	9	4	90
25	Bimavaram	P. Lazar	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	15
26	Balusumudi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	1
27	Rayalem	G. Paradesi	...	.....	1	10	3	...	2	3	...	1	1	...	...	.....	...	27
28	Annacodare	N. Stephen	.....	.....	.....	27	...	...	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	104
29	Gorlamudi and	P. Moses	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	.....	....	.....
30	Komarada,		.....	.....	.....	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.....	....	125
31	Chinamiram	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	6
32	Pedamiram	G. Samuel	3	4	1	.....	9	...	1	1	...	...	...	..	...	.....	....	46
33	Kopilla	P. Caleb	.....	.....	.....	12	9	...	2	13	...	....	...	...	1	9	10	35
34	Seesala	B. Yohan	.....	.....	.....	11	10	...	1	11	6	...	...	...	...	.....	....	27
35	Mahadevipalain	A. Isaac	5	.....	2	21	18	...	2	3	...	7	7	..	5	4	9	65
36	Cheelucur	H. Shadrach	12	1	.....	3	1	...	1	6	...	13	13	...	...	6	6	33
37	Velppeclur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...		....	...	...	.....	...	17
38	Agraharam	.....	10	.....	1	.....	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	...	...	.....	...	11
39	Veendi	.....	24	7	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	31	31	...	.	.....	...	31
40	Kalisipudi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	...	...	...	...	....	...	...	.....	...	3
41	Balereanigeedum	.....	10	4	.....	.....	...	....	...	...	...	14	14	...	...	.....	...	14
42	Hannanaram and	V. Joseph	8	4	.....	13	13	...	...	11		12	12	...	...	.....	...	41
43	Elitur,		.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....
44	Srungavautchem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	..	5

Statistics for the whole year 1887.

	No.	R.	A.	P.
Baptisms	183	.....	.....	.....
Communicants	321	.....	.....	.....
School Boys	230	.....	.....	.....
School Girls	103	.....	.....	.....
Marriages	10	.....	.....	.....
Deaths	16	.....	.....	.....
Schools	23	.....	.....	.....
Teachers	20	.....	.....	.....
Evangelists	3	.....	.....	.....
Enquirers	100	.....	.....	.....
Enquiring Villages	10	.....	.....	.....
Bible Society Subscriptions	.....	18	.....	.....
Monthly Subscriptions by Teachers	.....	42	2	.....
Annual " " "	.....	16	15	.....
Salaries of the Mission Laborers	.....	2179	6	.....
Buildings, Repairs, etc	.....	29	9	.....

N. Paulus.

Semi-Annual Report of the Velpur District, From July to December, 1887.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	Day School. No. of Children.	Boys. Christian.	Boys. Heathen.	Girls. Christian.	Girls. Heathen.	Books used.
1	Velpur	R. Johanu	12	4	3	5	...	I. II. Books & Luther's Catechism
2	Anakaderu	N. Stephen	11	10	...	1	...	I. and L. C.
3	Vissakaderu	E. Johanu	24	9	8	1	6	I. II. and L. C.
4	Kumadavelli	Gnanaprakasem	33	11	15	5	2	I. II. III. and L. C.
5 6	Ryalam and China Meeram	G. Paradasy	21	7	6	3	5	I. and L. C.
7	Mallaishwaram	S. Nathaniel	11	6	...	4	1	I. II. and L. C.
8	Gorlamoody	P. Moses	26	22	1	3	...	I. II. III. IV. and L. C.
9	Tadir and Korapadu	G. Cornelius	14	5	5	2	2	I. II. and L. C.
10	*Nadipudi	B. Venkana	.....	.....	...	...	...	
11	Mahadevipatnam	A. Isaac	14	3	2	6	3	I. II. and L. C.
12	Muuavilloor	Isaac	10	2	5	2	1	I. and L. C.
13	Bobbarazupalem	D. Nathaniel	15	5	3	6	1	I. II. and L. C.
14	Vendra	G. Samuel	9	6	2	...	1	I. II. and L. C.
15	Bhimavaram	P. Lazarus	6	1	1	2	2	I. and L. C.
16	Anavaram	V. Joseph	14	8	2	4	...	I. II. and L. C.
17	Jugganadhapuram	K. Joseph	10	5	2	3	...	I. and L. C.
18	Kopilla	Caleb	10	4	4	...	2	I. II. and L. C.
19	Peda Meeram	A. Samuel	15	.....	...	...	...	I. and L. C.
20	Agarthapalem	G. Lazarus	8	4	3	1	...	I. II. and L. C.
21	Sisaly	B. Johanu	11	8	1	2	...	I. II. and L. C.
22	Chilkoor	.....	9	.....	...	...	...	Alphabets.
23	Undi	Evangel't Zacharias	12	.....	...	...	...	Alphabets.
	Total		295	119	63	50	26	

*School closed on account of persecution by the villagers.

Korukunda District.

NAME OF VILLAGE.	NAME OF TEACHER.	Day School. No. of Children.	Boys Christian.	Boys Heathen.	Girls Christian.	Girls Heathen.	Night School Boys Heathen	Night School Girls Heathen	Night School No. of Children.	BOOKS USED.
Gonegudiem	B. John	4	1	1	1	1	8	1	9	I. II. and L. C.

Rajahmundry District.—Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Pastor, January 1–June 30, 1888.

The last half-year has been, in several respects, a trying time. At the January Sessions of the Conference in Rajahmundry, we all rejoiced to see the progress all over our field. But we also saw that Mr. Poulsen's state of health would not let him do much more work in India. He had to leave soon after, and nobody has been sent to take his place.

The insufficient support from at home has also caused great embarrassment up to the present moment. The Velpur District, where more than half of all our Church members live, and where the largest number of Mission Agents work, requires also the largest amount for monthly salaries. But when neither Christians nor heathen would loan us any more money for 12 per cent. interest, I had, for the second time, to stop payments in the Velpur circle.

If our Committee could inform us at the beginning of each half-year to what extent the churches of the General Council probably would be able to support the Telugu Mission, we would suffer less, as we could reduce our work beforehand. But with the promise of money quarterly, in advance, we go waiting and hoping, and the disappointment is only the greater when moneys are not forthcoming.

The work in the Velpur District increases rapidly, but the number of Mission Agents has remained stationary for several years. Rev. Paulus has proposed several remedies, but all cost money, and that our Mission has not. We manage the best we can. During my last tour to the Velpur District 40 were baptized in one new village on one day. The village is surrounded by swamps for miles and miles, of which hardly any can be brought under the plow. But there are plenty of fish, which forms the main support of the people. However, there is no road or canal to connect this village with others. No teacher and no Christians are near. These new converts could not possibly be left alone, and a teacher was taken from another village and sent there But this will not work satisfactorily, to look after one place and neglect another.

At the last meeting I received a helper, V. Sriramulu. I found him a great help, especially in carrying out a more systematic examination of village schools, and I hoped that he might learn to work well. But he says his salary is not enough to support him and his family, and as he cannot expect sufficient increase of pay, he wishes to go into business. Without an assistant it will be impossible for me to get the work into such systematic order as it ought to be. But what cannot be done, must be left undone.

In January, February, March and April I made tours all over my field, and my wife accompanied me. In May I had to get the boat caulked and repaired (it sank at Dowlaishwaram to the bottom of the canal), and thus I got no time to think of the hot season. My desire was to get the boat painted also, but it is always required for Mission work, and no sooner was it fit to move on the water than it was made use of again.

The Korukonda District gives, as yet, no hopes of speedy accessions. There are a few inquirers, who are very anxious to be baptized. But as they cannot be placed under regular supply of spiritual food by the preaching of the gospel, their village being far away from where teachers are stationed, I have thought it best to postpone their formal admission into our Church a little longer. Communion has been celebrated there in two villages, and one child was baptized. In Gokaram, the teacher, Prakashamu, has been stationed for half a year. He tried hard to start a school, but the opponents are too many as yet, and they have even threatened to beat him It is impossible to get land for a school building. I have therefore been obliged to send him to another village, where the prospects seem to be better.

In Rajahmundry the congregation partook of the Lord's Supper, together with the members of Conference, on New Year's Day, and on Easter Sunday 63 communed, and on Whitsunday about 50 persons. Two boys and three girls were confirmed on Easter Sunday. Two members died, and they were both buried on the same day. The one was the mother of the Rev. Joseph, and the other, the teacher, Alfred. T. Sarah, was rather old and feeble, but she attended church regularly, the last time on Whitsunday. Since then she sank gradually, but was prepared and longed to go to Jesus. When we saw her, a few hours before her death, she tried to speak and to make "Salaam" to us, but her strength was gone. She fell asleep without any struggle.

The teacher, Alfred, was not a very gifted man, but he was a pious and upright Christian. He suffered for some time from an abscess on his foot. This took his strength, and the doctor soon gave up all hopes of recovery. He suffered much, but was very patient and ready to submit to the will of the Lord.

Three children have been baptized at Rajahmundry, and one family was admitted by letter from the Tallapudi District. There are 145 names on the roll as members of the Rajahmundry congregation, exclusive of the boarding children, which remain on roll in their home congregations, but help considerably to fill the church at Divine service.

H. C. Schmidt.

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Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending June 30, 1888, of the Rajahmundry and Korukonda District. H. C. Schmidt, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year. Christian Children.	Number of Confirmed.	Number of Communicants.	Number of Marriages.	Congregational Collection. R	A	P	Gain. By Baptism.	Gain. From other Congregations	Gain. Total.	Loss. By Death.	Loss. Total.	Number of Children.	Number of Adults.	Total number of Christians.	Compared with last half year. Gain.	REMARKS.
1	Rajahmundry	....	3	5	75	1	15	4	...	3	3	6	2	2	71	82	153	4	.....
2	Gonegudiem ..	B. John.....	.....	...	2	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	.....	Teacher & family
3	Bolledupadu ..	.....	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	1	.....
4	Singaram	Joseph.....	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	. .	4	2	6	.....	Evang. & family.
5	Gokaram	Prakasham.	.....	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	2	2	4	.....	Teacher & family
		Total....	4	5	83	1	15	12		3	3	6	2	2	86	90	176	5	

Velpur District.

January 1—June 30, 1888.

I am thankful to say that I was kept up in good and sound health for the last six months, and I spent my time as best I could in itinerating. I have visited often the congregations in my District and preached the Word of God, both to the Christians and heathen. I found the want of laborers. People are willing everywhere to hear the good news.

There are some troubles to the people of God, from the heathen. Generally, the rulers of the District are not favorable to Christians.

Cholera is prevalent in several villages; a few of the Christians rested in the Lord.

We have every encouragement that the poorer classes will soon become the heirs of everlasting life, but the rich and the educated and the respectable high classes will be far behind. I hope the Lord of the harvest will soon provide sufficient and faithful laborers for the harvest.

The rich and superstitious high class of people are envious and try their best to keep down the Christians. In spite of all this, I think that the Christians will soon gain the day, by the strength which they receive from the Lord, who conquered Satan, sin, and hell.

In some villages the Christians are independent, and so the high class of people open their eyes and try to be friendly with them and treat them in a

respectable way. Athough outwardly they appear to be so, but when the time comes they show their hidden evil spirit. I wish the Lord will make all people to live in peace and harmony.

Hoping that prayer is offered for us all,

Your most obedient and humble servant,

N. PAULUS.

STATISTICS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1888.

Baptisms.											
Heathen Adults.	Heathen Children.	Christian Children.	Communicants communed.	Marriages performed.	Teachers.	Evangelists.	Schools.	Salaries.	Money spent for repairs	No. of Enquirers.	Total No. of Baptized.
								Rs.	Rs. As.		
94	27	23	184	16	20	3	24	1110	4 11	100	144

N. PAULUS.

Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad Districts.

The Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Missionary in Charge.

July 1–December 31, 1887.

Another half year has passed. Although various troubles have had to be contended with, nevertheless our Father has been good unto us, and has permitted all of us to continue in our work, and we cannot help but feel grateful for His guidance, and thankful for His protection. We have felt the verity of His promise, "I am with you."

TRAVELING.

During the last half year I did not travel as much as during the first half. During this half year we have the rainy season, and so it makes it very difficult to travel, and especially in the low country. During the best time to travel I was prevented for one month on account of fever. I traveled in all, in my District, 41 days, and spent a week with Rev. McCready in his District. Of the 41 days I spent 16 in a District which the natives call "Chegaunada," *i. e.*, uncivilized, or somewhat jungle. I spend, annually, about two weeks in this place during the rainy season because it is high and dry.

INCIDENTS OF THE TOURS.

The people in general listen better and more quietly to the gospel now than a few years ago. They ask, also, for tracts and hand-bills more frequently, which indicates that there are more readers, and a greater appreciation of their contents. I sometimes think that these tracts do almost more good than direct preaching of our teachers, because they read them at home and think over what they are reading.

On one of my tours, Rev. Reimers. of the Brecklum Mission, accompanied me. This was something quite new to me, because I am used to being out alone. We enjoyed the tour very much. We remained at some central village for several days, and visited the surrounding villages. In the evening many of the villagers could gather together, and this afforded a nice opportunity to preach to them. We would have regular services, and the people seemed to be interested in them.

On the tour which I made in September I had very much rain. During this tour I had to be all the time in my tent. For several days we had very heavy showers. My tent kept me perfectly dry from above, but the ground was damp and made it unpleasant. Some of my men proposed to go home, which was not at all an improper proposal, but that was the time set apart for that portion of my work, and to leave it then would have been to leave it for a year. The last week of the tour we enjoyed excellent weather. The people of this portion of my field are yet distant from the gospel.

I stopped for some days at a village where the people were formerly very bitter against Christianity. There are only three Christians there now. To show their hatred against the Christians, they called them "chucklers," which is the lowest and most despised caste in this country. After I had remained several days, every year for several years, they became very friendly, and when I remind them of their former expressions, they say that they were too ignorant then to understand properly the new religion. Hereafter we shall do differently.

When I left this village I went to a place where I had never stopped before. Seemingly everybody in the village turned out to see us and to inspect the tent. All kept a good distance off, except a little boy, whose curiosity drew him closer than the rest. I gave him a few small biscuits, and after tasting them his fear all vanished, and this made the others also bolder. After we had been there a half day plenty of them came to talk. We left them on the second day, and they seemed to be rather sorry that we left them so soon. On coming to such a new place the first question generally is, "Who is this gentleman?" And on hearing that it is a "Patri," they ask what his work is, and whether he is a good or angry gentleman. The accompanying servants are generally the best interpreters of this question. On being informed that the "Patri" is a gracious person, all take courage to come and speak. This is the first step to success. If a person has the Hindu once as an enemy, he finds it difficult to get on with his work.

In general the people are becoming a little more enlightened in regard to Christianity, and so are now ready to listen. They ask frequently for tracts and hand-bills, which is a very good sign, because these tracts and hand-bills are read at home, so that all hear them, and thus the gospel is carried into the family circle, and into corners where the Missionary and the catechist are not allowed to go. May God bless these silent messengers which go into the quiet places of the home, so that many a soul may be brought to think of its responsibility to its Maker and Redeemer, and thus be led on to a consciousness of the awful condition it is in, and flee for refuge.

At a village called Lakshmi-Polavaram I had much trouble to procure land for a school-house, because the caste people and village officials are opposed to Christianity. I have finally been successful, and constructed the necessary houses for the teacher and school. No sooner was it done than the Godavery River overflowed its banks and flooded the greater part of the delta, and washed down the mud walls of many a house, among which was also our school building. The Malas, or low caste people, of the village did not like to have the building at the place where it is now, and so on proposal, they were willing to remove it to a place more conveniently situated, and the place I had first applied for. It has to be noticed by the official, which I hope it will be without trouble. This was another village where at first much opposition was shown. It is becoming more and more friendly, and I hope that in a few years more the work will meet with success. We have, at present, only about a half dozen Christians there.

The Schools in the District.

There are, under my management, 14 schools in all. Three of these are at Dowlaishwaram, and 10 out in the District. Excepting the three schools at Dowlaishwaram, the one at Jagurupad and at Lolla, I am not at all satisfied with the results of the annual examination in November and December. All the teachers have now been provided with proper houses, except one, namely, the one referred to above. Some of the teachers are lacking in education, some are careless, and some seem to be too much interested in self. One teacher, assistant to Rev. Joseph, is trying to open a school in a new village, but has not been very successful thus far.

The progress is not by far what we would expect it to be, even making allowance for the inefficiency of the teachers. Could I afford to visit every school monthly, they would, no doubt, improve greatly. For example, at Dowlaishwaram, where I come about twice a week, the schools have made great progress, although the teachers are not better, one being even less qualified than those in the other villages. At Jagurupad, where Rev. Joseph looks directly after the school, we notice also a greater progress. To get a greater interest awakened in the remaining school, I have been planning and meditating for a long time. Some plan will have to be adopted, but what it will be the future will tell. I shall not write about the examination, as I have given that into the hands of my Catechist, J. William Garu.

I have put the three Dowlaishwaram schools, *i.e.*, the Dowlaishwaram boys' school, the Dowlaishwaram girls' school and the Gattu school under government grant. It does not at all interfere with my work. The children study the same branches which are taught in the other schools. This year the Mission received very nearly 70 Rs. grant for the schools of Dowlaishwaram. This is more than enough to pay all the expenses of the girls' school. The schools passed better by far than any heathen school in the town. The Gattu school passed 17 boys out of 18 sent up for examination. The children of this school are nearly all heathens, but you would be astonished to hear the number of Christian hymns they have learned during the

year. Some of them have even committed to memory nearly every article of "Luther's Smaller Catechism." I often think that these little fellows of 7 or 8 years of age know more hymns and more of the Catechism than many a child at home of 12, 14 or 16 years of age who has been brought up in the Christian Church.

The girls' school, taught by N. Annamma, numbers at present about 25 girls. A few of them are a little irregular. Only those who have been managing girls' schools in this country know the great difficulties to get them to attend properly. Various inducements are held out to get them to come. Some managers go even to great expense to draw them. Though I held out very moderate inducements for our girls to come regularly, we had nevertheless only about four who attended every day the school was open. I regarded it but as just to buy calico or chintz out of the grant money sufficient to give to each one a jacket and skirt. The total expense was about 10 or 12 Rs. They made it all up themselves, and well too. This is all the inducement offered to them. As said above the grant is sufficient to pay all the girls' school's expenses including all the cloth given them. Any child not coming before or on the first of October, does not receive a present at Christmas. Their examination was good. The teachers and pupils are attached to one another so that no trouble arises and they really enjoy the days they are together. We have now Chucklers, Malas, Sudras and Christians, all huddled together.

To develop the Dowlaishwaram boys' school a higher grade teacher is absolutely necessary. Though the teacher there works well, yet there are too many boys, and after the last examination, a class rather got beyond his ability. If I had a more efficient teacher I could draw far more boys. This school did better than the heathen schools at the annual examination, but was the poorest of ours at Dowlaishwaram owing chiefly, I believe, to the above causes. This school has the highest standard of all my schools.

Building.

During this year two new school houses have been built, one at Lolla and the other at Polavaram. As said above the walls of the one at Polavaram have been washed again by the river.

Rev. Joseph's house at Jagurupad has also been finished during this year. The house is more than necessary for a native, and is really a very comfortable one. I built it on purpose with sufficient room and good ventilation in order to get the natives to try and keep their houses more clean and to build them also in a proper manner. I was not present when the foundation was laid and the walls put up, and so they constructed it nearly three yards longer than the original plan was, and consequently went beyond my estimate. The estimate was 250 Rs., but the expenses are about 100 Rs. more. This includes, however, some repairs and about 2000 tiles for the church building. To have this hundred rupees granted, I shall refer to my estimate.

Dowlaishwaram Congregation.

There is a slow growth, especially in regular attendance and Christian spirit. Discipline again became necessary. I had to withhold the Lord's

Supper from a young man whom I regarded formerly as a member of really good standing. Owing to some family quarrels a number of persons engaged in a severe fight among whom he was also found. Afterward they had a law suit. These people are used to such lax discipline in their former religion, and so it requires care to train them properly in the discipline of the Christian Church.

An old man has left our Church and joined, as much as I have learned, the Baptists. The cause is nothing more than this: He has a little patch of ground. He wanted it tax free. I wrote to the sub-collector for him. We learned that it would cost 20 Rs. I told this old man that when the petition was ready, I would send the money to the collector. But he wanted the money himself. I knew that if he would get the money he would spend it in other ways and it would never reach the collector's office. Simply because I would not do as he wanted me, he became angry and went over to the Baptists. I shall, of course, not yield to one such case; because yielding to one would soon stir up all for help, and if not granted would threaten to leave in order to gain their point. Better to lose one or two to teach others a good lesson, than to spoil the whole congregation.

There are plenty of doors open to begin work, but the same old story comes, "no means." This year I have had a great deal of worry in regard to the deficiency of funds. I think I can safely say that that caused me almost as much trouble as all my other Mission work together. The hope that soon better circumstances will surround us makes me willing to do it patiently. Sometimes my patience is tried when I notice that so many pastors' names, which appear frequently on the list of subscriptions for other purposes, never appear on the Foreign Mission list. THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY makes strong appeals, but that paper, I am afraid, is not read in the Western States and so our wants are not made known there. I hope that soon the pastors, so distinguished hitherto in the Foreign Mission work, will awaken and give also their portion.

We are now entering upon the new year with an empty treasury, but the blessing of the Lord is sufficient for all, and so may He stir up the hearts of the people to contribute the necessary means. May He also bless the work here so that we may use the means properly, and that many may be gathered in.

F. S. DIETRICH.

December 28th, 1887.

Semi-Annual School Report of Dowlaishwaram.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	Day School.						Books Used.	Remarks.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.		
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.			
1	Dowlaishwaram (Boys).	P. V. Isaac.	30	5	25	...	...	4	Besides the regular readers, etc. the Bible stories and Catechism are new.	No fees are paid in these schools, but, as stated in my report, nearly 60 Rs. grant was receiv'd.
2	Dowlaishwaram (Girls).	N. Annamma.	20	...	...	8	12	4		
3	Hemagheri Gattu.....	D. Lazarus. ...	25	1	20	1	3	4		
	Total.....	.....	75	6	45	9	15	12		

Semi-Annual School Report of Jagurupad District.—Rev. Joseph, Pastor.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	Day School.						Night School					Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys		Gi'ls		No. of Children.	
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		
1	Jagurupad.....	T. Hanna Margaret...	29	14	2	11	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	Besides the regular secular books, the Catechism and Bible stories.
2	Maharayudupalem..	V. Ratnam.....	10	.....	3	.....	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	
3	Muramunda.....	J. Martha & P. Velugu	8	1	1	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	
4	Casavaram.....	P. Benjamin.....	5	1	4	.....	.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	
5	Pura-Ramachendrapur.....	M. William.....	10	.....	9	1	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	
6	Hemagheri.....	M. Lazarus.....	6	.....	5	1	.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	
7	Peravaram.....	Y. Daniel.....	7	.....	5	2	.....	2	...	...	...	...	...	
8	Lolla	M. Yesudas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	8	...	...	9	
9	Polavaram.....	N. Thomas.....	8	.....	7	.....	1	2	..	7	...	...	7	
10	Norapet.....	R. Yohan.....	7	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	
	Totals.....	.....	90	19	39	20	13	20	1	15	...	...	16	

Grand Total, 90 + 16 = 106 pupils.

Jan. 1 to June 30, 1888.

By God's grace I am enabled to write out another six months report. The opening of the year seemed somewhat gloomy and uncertain as to whether I would be able to continue at my work or not. The fever which I had contracted before Christmas continued, and I was just able to look after my work. It has pleased God, however, to relieve me from it and restore me to new strength, so that I am now able to prosecute my work with joy.

Owing to the fever I could not travel as much as I would like to have traveled. After the work of the Conference and Council was over, I started on a tour into the central delta, expecting to visit a portion of the delta where, I suppose, no missionary has gone yet. I had to relinquish it on account of weakness, as it had to be done on foot. When I came near the sea the fever broke out thoroughly and then left me, but my lungs were affected. I suffered much, both of severe pain and cough. I had to start for home, and so only half the intended work was accomplished. I made five stations. At Tollak, where we have a school and some Christians, I remained several days to rest, and every evening we had nice services. The people flocked together to listen. All listen eagerly, and acknowledge the truth of what we preach; but there they halt. Caste and indifference shackle their hearts, and they continue on the verge of the eternal abyss. The Lord have mercy on them. The teacher at Tollak is doing good work. Some of the boys are beginning to read, and the opposition to Christianity is slowly melting away.

On my arrival at home I had just strength enough to walk. After a month's rest, I started on a tour through the eastern delta. I make every year one tour over this entire delta, visiting no less than about thirty-five or forty villages. The villages which have Christians I try to visit at least three times a year personally, and the teachers visit the villages where there are no teachers once a week. This is a very fertile district. Sugar cane and rice are the chief products. During the month of March a person can see at a dozen places around him the smoke rising, indicating the reaping of the sugar cane and the preparation of rough sugar, called bellum. All are busy. The weather is delightful during this season, and many of the people remain out in the fields during the night. As I hardly found any in the village unless very early in the morning or late at night, I concluded that we had to go to the villages either very early or very late. But I soon experienced that by going early in the morning the people were always in an excitement to get off to their work. A few would listen, while the others would be running about the village calling out for somebody, and the preaching had no effect. From this time on I attended to other business during the day, and reserved preaching to the villagers for the evening. After all had returned from their work and had taken their meals, we would gather them to a central place, then my Catechist, if he is along, plays the violin and we sing some hymns. As the Telugus are naturally a musical people, all flock together. After a few hymns, we commence preaching. All will sit quiet for hours and listen, and not unfrequently at the close of the preaching they ask us to sing and play some more hymns.

In seven villages of this delta we have Christians and five teachers, two of whom are women. There is nothing wanted but some more earnest, faithful, and pious teachers. In one large Mala village, about ten miles beyond where we have teachers, they prayed me for a teacher. I have visited this village three times. They rejoiced when we came, and followed us to the boat. These people have a vague idea of the superiority of Christianity, but have not light enough to break the fetters of darkness. If a good teacher would be in their midst for a year, much fruit might be gathered. If I had fifty teachers at hand I could readily

find places for them. We have, of course, to attend first to the villages in which we have Christians, and whatever time and strength is left, we give to the others.

As this field stands first as regards the beginning of the work, we would naturally expect better established congregations here than in other places. At Jagurupad, Rev. T. Joseph, a native pastor, resides. There we have a nice congregation, a substantial church building, and a house for the pastor. Rev. Joseph's daughter teaches the school, which numbers about twenty-five pupils. She has done really good work here. Of all the Schools in the out-stations, her's stands first. In this congregation we have introduced the full Liturgical Service. It gives me always much pleasure to spend a Sunday with them.

At Muramunda we have also a nice congregation, and a pretty, substantial school building. Owing to the want of a proper teacher here, the school is in a poor condition and the congregation not what it might be. They are able to go through the full Liturgical Service, but there is much room for improvement. In the other villages the congregations are not yet worth the name. In one village we may soon be able to introduce some regular Sunday worship. Hitherto they have only had worship when the teacher comes to their village. The Christians themselves cannot read, and so are unable to have even the simplest form of service. We have commenced work in one new village. A few have received baptism, and a teacher has been placed there. I hope the work will progress nicely.

As I was visiting the last village of this Delta, a letter from Mrs. Poulsen reached me, informing me that Rev. Poulsen had gone to Madras, and telegraphed they should by all means leave as soon as possible, as he had procured passage in a steamer which would leave soon. The following day I started for Samulcotta to assist Mrs. Poulsen, and to take charge of the District, as I had been appointed to do by the Missionary Council. On Saturday, April 14th, she and the children left Cocanada in the steamer for Madras, and I proceeded on my way home. However necessary the return of a missionary to Europe may be, we are always sad to see him go.

In June I made another trip in the upper part of the central delta. I had expected to go on for about three weeks, but the boat could not go farther for the want of water in the canals. In this district the work is not progressing much. The teacher at Palawaram is not an active, neither an able man, and so the school is nothing, and the work not progressing. At Tollak, the work is improving, and children are coming to the night-school. At Palawaram the work had almost been at a stand-still, but a revival seems to have commenced, and I hope that the teacher will continue to stir up the people.

During this half-year I have procured ground at Yadati for a school-house, and am preparing for the erection of it. At Navapet I have repaired the old building and made the walls more substantial.

At Palawaram, the flood washed away the walls of the school-house during the last rainy season. As it was a little far from the village or malapilli, and the Malas asked me to exchange it for another place, to us far more suitable, I agreed to exchange if they would do half the work for nothing. I erected the wall of the new building and they transferred the roof for nothing. It was nearly done when I was there in the middle of June.

The building which we use as a chapel at Dowlaishwaram, was divided into three rooms and two small verandas. The room in which we had services was too small and inconvenient. I enlarged it by taking out the thick walls and put two rooms and the two verandas into one large room, and supported the roof *in* the room with wooden posts. Total expense of making this change and repairing the building in general, amounted to about Rs. 90. It is now a large and commodious room, seating about two hundred people.

For several years I had been trying to get ground to erect a house for my Catechist, J. William Garu. Finally I have found a suitable place and have commenced the erection of the house. In a month or so more it will be so far as to enable him to move into it. I shall be glad when he is able to remain there, as it will help the work very much. As soon as the walls of his house are done, the foundation of my own house is to be laid. I hope there will be no limping for want of money, but rather a hurrying to have it done soon. Every month I am absent is a loss to the congregation.

The work is progressing, but not as rapidly as we would like to see it. There are several hindrances which require time and work to be overcome. The first and chief is the deficiency of our workers, both in regard to number and qualifications. We ought to have more teachers or catechists, and better prepared men than we have. The teachers require constant watching, and even with all the care and trouble a person takes, they do not get on by any means as they ought to. Thus far we have had mostly men who have grown up as heathens, and then been baptized and prepared for teaching. These have contracted, or rather imbibed the old heathen spirit so thoroughly that it requires a life time to root it up. This in addition to the naturally trickish disposition of the Hindoo requires close watching. My hope lies in the second and third generations. They will be free from many of these evils, and good work may be expected. Quite a number of boys of the second generation are already in our schools, and are being prepared for the work. These will possess more of the true Christian spirit, and be more firm in opposing heathenism and heathen practices, and be better examples of Christian life, and therefore be more efficient in bringing others to Christ.

A second great hindrance to the progress of Christianity among these people is caste, and the indifference of the people in regard to spiritual things. To them caste is all. Their religion is in reality nothing, and would require little work to overthrow it. Caste is to them fatherland and morality, law and custom. That patriotic spirit which pervades a nation at home does not exist here. Caste is the only link which binds the Hindoos together, and consequently the easy conquest of the Hindoos. I truly believe that if the Government would attack a single caste that the other castes would not lift up an arm in their defence. Brahman may die in the grossest sins, yet if he has not transgressed their formal rules of caste, they send him to swarganur (heaven), by holding on to a cow's tail. Formerly it was seemingly an impregnable fortress, but now its bulwarks are beginning to be weakened. Christian education, the great equalizer, has laid hold of it. The lower castes begin to see that the difference of caste is not divinely established, but only a difference of intelli-

gence. The educated young men of the lower castes put themselves side by side with the Brahman, and the uneducated Brahman even avoids this attack. This equalizing spirit is gaining rapidly. The next generation will find caste a stormed stronghold of the past. After this period of demolition by Christianity, the harvest will come, and a plentiful harvest it will be. Then will also this indifference more disappear; because new caste secures each one's position: but then the man himself must prove his standing, and to do this he must struggle and look about himself for the best opportunities and the best or soundest education. When caste can no longer furnish him a passport of position, he will no longer care for it. May this day not be far off, is our sincere prayer.

A great hindrance to the European workers to do thorough work is the climate. If a person does, all in all, one-half as much work as at home, he has done well. The effect of the climate enervates a person to such an extent, that after six, eight, or ten years of work he is fit for nothing, until he has taken a thorough change. If a person conld work here like at home, how much more he could accomplish.

Another hindrance in our work is the want of funds. I shall not say more. All of those at home interested in the work know it, and for those who do not take any interest in the work it is not necessary to go to the trouble to tell them. It has heen told often enough. I am tired of telling it. In the daytime we have to preach the Gospel, at night we have to beg for our salaries and for funds to *keep up*, not *to progress* the work.

During the half-year I have traveled about seventy-five days, including a few days of July, which I needed to complete my last tour commenced in June. I enjoyed every trip except the first, on which I suffered severely from fever.

I hope that the half-year before us may be full of joy and gladness in regard to the work. May our good Lord, who has procured for us this great salvation for mankind, shed a special blessing upon this work in this country, and may He stir up the hearts of His people at home to contribute what is so much needed. Even if funds are at hand, the work here is heavy enough for us. The care of all the congregations means something in St. Paul's Epistle. A Missionary learns it better than any other pastor.

F. S. Dietrich.

Parochial Report.

For the half-year ending December 31st, 1887, of the Dowlaishwaram District, F. S. Dietrich, Pastor.
Jagurupad taken in here.—Rev. Joseph, Pastor.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. Christian Children Baptized during the half year.	No. of Confirmed.	No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Marriages.	Congregational Collection. R	A	P	Gain. By Baptism.	Gain. Re-admission.	Gain. Total.	Loss. By Death.	Loss. By Exclusion.	Loss. Gone over to other denominations.	Loss. Total.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Compared with last half year. Loss.	Compared with last half year. Gain.
1	Dowlaishwaram	P. Isaac, D. Lazarus, N. Anama	1	1	30	28	...	9	8	2	1	1	2	...	2	1	3	13	32	45	1	...
2	Jagurupad	T. Hanama	.....	...	86	83	1	6	...	2	3	...	3	3	...	.....	3	55	86	141	...	...
3	Muramunda	J. Martha, P. Velugu	.....	1	40	35	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	.....	4	21	40	61	4	...
4	Aditi	(No teacher)	.....	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	.....	...	4	5	9	...	1
5	Aditi Savaram	" "	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	..	1	3	4	...	...
6	Yelakatodu	" "	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	1	...	1
7	Maradhapalem	V. Ratnam	.....	...	...	1	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	1	...	...
8	Navapetta	R. Johonu	.....	...	4	4	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	5	4	9	...	...
9	Yedarashwaram	(No teacher)	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	2	2	...	...
10	Polawaram	N. Thomas	.....	...	7	7	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	2	7	9	...	...
11	Rali	(No teacher)	.....	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	1	...	...
12	Lollah	M. Yasudasu	.....	...	7	7	...	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	7	7	...	...
13	Atripuram	(No teacher)	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	.....	...	.....	1	1	...	...
14	Parawaram	E. Daniel	.....	...	2	2	...	...	2	...	..	...	...	1	...	.... .	1	.....	2	2	1	...
15	Veemagheny	M. Lazarus	.....	...	5	4	...	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	2	5	7	...	...
16	Kasawaram	P. Benjamin	.....	...	4	3	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	.....	1	1	4	5	1	...
17	V. Ramachendrapuram	M. William	.....	...	3	3	...	...	15	...	2	...	2	...	...	.....	...	6	3	9	...	2
18	Bikovadu	(No teacher)	.....	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.. ...	...	.....	2	2	...	...
	Total		.....	...	...	...	...	28	1	4	...	...	..	...	...	.....	...	110	206	316	7	4

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending June 30, 1888, of the Dowlaishwaram District. F. S. Dietrich, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.		Number of Communicants.	Number Communed.	Number of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.				Loss.			Number of Children.	Number of Adults.	Total number of Christians.	Compared with last half-year.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.				R	A	P	By Baptism.	Re-admission.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By removing to other places	Gone over to other denominations.	Total.				Gain.
1	Dowlaishwarm.....	V. Gopaul.....																			
		P. Isaac.....	7	7	40	25	2	11	1	4	14	6	6	14	1	1	2	30	40	70	24
		N. Anama.....																			
2	Vennagherygattu	D. Lazarus.....																			

Semi-Annual School Report of Dowlaishwaram District.

January 1 to June 30, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Books Used.	School fees.		
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.		R	A	P
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.					
1	Dowlaishwaram.....	V. Gopaul...	7	1	5	1	...	1	1. Luther's Small Catechism	2	...	...
		P. Isaac ..	34	8	24	2	...	3	2. Bible Stories.	...	...	...
		N. Anama...	20	...	...	8	12	3	3. Children's Question Book.	...	...	...
2	Veemaghenyguttu ..	D. Lazarus.....	25	3	19	...	3	3	There the regular school text books, such as readers, geography, grammar, etc.			
		Total.....	86	12	48	11	15	...		2	...	...

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending June 30, 1888, of the Jagurupad District. P. Joseph, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.		Number of Communicants.	Number Communed.	Number of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.			Loss.		Number of Children.	Number of Adults.	Total number of Christians.	Compared with last half year.	
			Adults.	Christian Children.				R	A	P	By Baptism.	Re-admission.	Total.	By Exclusion.					Loss.	Gain.
1	Jagurupad	T. Hanna Margaret.	...	1	83	35	2	...	10	...	1	...	1	3		56	86	142	1	1
2	Muramunda	J. Martha & P. Velugu	...	...	40	13	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...		21	40	61	...	...
3	Maharayudupalem	V. Ratnam	...	...	1	...	...	...	7	6	...	...	...	...		.....	1	1	...	...
4	Yalakatodu	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	1	1	...	...
5	Yadi. Savaram	.....	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	4	4	1	...
6	Yadithy	.....	1	...	6	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...		4	6	10	3	1
7	Norapet	R. Yohan	..	...	6	5	...	...	10	6	...	...	...	...		8	6	14	...	...
8	Kadipilunka	M. Lazarus	2	...	4	3	...	...	2	6	2	...	2	...		.....	4	4	...	2
9	Lolla	M. Yesudas	...	...	9	9	...	...	13	6	...	1	1	...		.....	9	9	...	1
10	Ralil	.....	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	1	1	...	...
11	Polavaram	N. Thomas	...	...	10	9	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...		2	10	12	...	...
12	Antripuram	.....	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	1	1	...	...
13	Peravaram	Y. Daniel	...	...	5	3	...	...	6	...	.	5	5	...		3	5	8	...	...
14	Hemagheri	.....	...	...	5	4	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...		2	5	7	...	...
15	Casavaram	P. Benjamin	...	...	7	6	...	...	10	6	...	...	...	...		1	7	8	...	...
16	Pura, Ramachendrapur	M. William	...	...	3	3	...	...	7	6	...	...	...	...		6	3	9	...	...
17	Bickole	.....	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....	2	2	...	..
		Total	3	1	191	94	3	6	7	0	4	6	10	3		103	191	294	5	5

Semi-Annual School Report of Jagurupad District.

January 1 to June 30, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Night School.			Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.			
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.	No. of Children.	
1	Jagurupad	T. Hanna Margaret.	25	11	1	11	2	4	...	...	...	I, II, III B & Catec'm.
2	Muramunda	J. Martha & P. Velugu	6	...	...	3	3	2	...	...	..	I B and Catechism.
3	Maharayudupalem	V. Ratnam	10	...	5	...	5	2	...	...	..	" " "
4	Kadipilunka	M. Lazarus	7	1	2	...	4	1	...	...	...	Alphabet.
5	Norapet	R. Yohan	15	4	4	3	4	3	...	...	...	I B, II B, Catechism.
6	Lolla	M. Yesudas	5	...	5	...	...	2	1	5	6	I B and Catechism.
7	Polavaram	N. Thomas	9	...	7	...	2	2	...	...	...	" " "
8	Peravaram	Y. Daniel	5	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	" " "
9	Casavaram	P. Benjamin	6	...	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	" " "
10	Pura-Ramachendrapurum	M. William	8	1	5	1	1	2	...	...	...	" " "
		Total	96	17	38	20	21	...	1	5	6	

Samulcotta District.

The Rev. J. K. Poulsen, Missionary in Charge.

July–December, 1887.

Except during December, in which month I have been disabled on account of severe illness—gastric fever—I have been touring a good deal. The fear of being excluded from their caste is still keeping many away from baptism. Goriuta congregation has been, and still is, sorely tried. A young man, from the village in which the Christians (Baptists) returned to heathenism, came to live at Goriuta. He at once stirred up the heathen Malas against the Christians. "Do," he said, "as we did in our village; excommunicate the Christians and they will soon give in as in our village, and we shall then all be one as before." One young man of the Christians joined him at once, and is now the principal opposer against the Christians. It is not possible to get a piece of ground to build a prayer-house on, so the Christians had to meet in an open place where the people always gather. For years that went on all right. When they would not be left in peace there they retreated to the teacher's house, which belongs to the head Mala, who is the principal Christian in the place. Even there the mob broke in during prayer, and abused the Christians and the women with all the foul language of which Telugu is so rich and of which the low people are so fond. The heathens will no longer, as before, acknowledge this Christian as head man, and threaten to fine him for being a Christian. If he pays it is a sign that he renounces Christianity, and if he does not pay they shut him out of their community altogether. Nobody must then visit him or eat with him, not give him fire and not work for him, and if any in his house die they must not help in carrying the dead, and so forth. Of tempters there are plenty to tell him, "why have all these troubles, just pay the price and you will have peace." He has hitherto bravely rested on Jesus and resisted, but has been obliged to lodge a complaint in court against the disturbers; but justice is a rare thing for the few Christians who have every one against them, and nobody scruples to swear false witness against his neighbor. Of course, the caste people (the Brahmins and Shudras) stand behind the enemies and uphold the disturbers, who are all dependent on them for their living.

In times like that, where the Christians are young in the faith, if there is no European Missionary to encourage and help them there is great danger that they fall away.

I have been much in want of an able catechist, as I have had none since the dismissal of Laksmiah. R. David has mostly followed me on my tours. As he is young he has this advantage, that he is capable of improving by being taught.

During this half year the boarding school has given me much pleasure. There has been no running away, and N. Isaac has done his work well. With much patience Mrs. Poulsen manages the boarding and clothing of the scholars, and teaches them sewing. N. Isaac also holds services on Sundays when I am out. He is a nice young man, who also tries to improve his own knowledge.

J. K. Poulsen.

Samulcotta Report.

January 1–June 30, 1888.

Owing to the constant fever of Bro. Poulsen, he could not do any traveling, and as he had to leave so abruptly, no opportunity was afforded to give a report of the work during the first three months of this half year. I took charge on the 10th of April, and so my report is confined to this period.

Bro. Poulsen and family left the station on the 10th of April. He had been thinking last year, already, of sending home his family, and he himself would remain a year or so longer. His family remained, however, owing to the fact that no answer in regard to the asked-for-leave came from the Committee. In August, the second youngest child, a son of about 4 years of age, took suddenly ill of bronchitis, as it seems, and died. Soon after, the oldest of the children with them took sick, but recovered soon. Mrs. Poulsen was not very well for some time. About a month before Christmas, Bro. Poulsen himself was attacked by jungle fever, and could not get rid of it. Every month added to his weakness, until in March, when it became evident that he had to return to Europe, or go to some other place for a change. Meanwhile, a letter came from the Committee at home, granting him leave, and on the 10th of April Mrs. Poulsen and the children left the station. Bro. Poulsen had left already for Madras, about two days previously.

A few days before he left, he and his family came to Rajahmundry to pay it a final visit and say farewell to the fellow-workers and the Christians. On Good Friday evening, the Christians held a farewell meeting, to say good-bye to them. The Christians expressed their gratefulness to Mr. and Mrs. Poulsen by presenting him with a neat octavo Bible, bearing the autographs of many of the Christians on the fly-leaf. Hymns were sung, appropriate addresses and prayers made. The tears in the eyes of many of the natives were proofs, that they, after all, appreciate those who have rendered faithful services. It was evident that a bond was to be severed.

At Samulcotta the work is new, and the bond of Christian love had not had time to grow so strong, nevertheless, those nearest seemed to be about losing a mother and a father. When the final hour came, many an anxious question was put, many a sad look betrayed the heart, and much Christian advice was given, all of which betokened what six years' faithful work can accomplish in a new place. As Bro. Poulsen himself said in his farewell words, "he himself knew best his weakness under such great responsibilities," we would however add, that they could leave the station feeling conscious of having done their duty according to their full strength, so that the work had made a good beginning. Their departure has left a vacancy which only an earnest worker can fill.

During the time I have been in charge of this field, I have made a tour over the whole of it, which took over twenty days. I found the field pleasant to travel in, because all of the main places can be reached by bandy. This is far more convenient than to transfer the baggage by coolies. The north-

ern point of the District is jungle and feverish. I suppose it must be very hot in the hot season, as the soil is mostly red, and many places rocky. I found the people, in general, ready to listen, but indifferent as to the acceptance of the Gospel. In some of the villages are really earnest Christians, while some are somewhat lax, and a few have fallen again into their old mire, and as Bro. Poulsen had ordered, were stricken off the list. Nothing more can be expected in a new field.

In a few villages some trouble had arisen between the teachers and the people and even including some Christians. On inquiring, I found out that their offence was not against Christianity, as the teachers want to make it appear, but some personal matters between the teachers and them. The teachers meddled with some affairs they had no right to do. The teachers of one village were very anxious that I should bring a suit against some of the people for a mere trifle. I went to the village and allowed the people to bring their complaints, and then settled them to the satisfaction of both parties. As stated in my Dowlaishwaram Report, the teachers need close watching or else trouble will arise, sometimes perhaps not purposely, but more out of ignorance. If the teachers do faithful work, I am certain that there will be but little trouble. There are not many Brahmins here, and they are always the most fanatical.

The school-work has, so to say, not begun yet. There are, however, houses for the teachers, and where the children can come to study, in nearly every village. In one village there is a nice beginning. One boy and a few girls read well and recite a portion of the Small Catechism, etc. In two other villages the children are just beginning to come. A year or so more, and the parents will begin to send their children more regularly, and more progress will be seen.

In Kottamorru the entire malapilli was burned down, and a portion of the main village. Our school-house met the same fate. It has been re-built, but the school has not yet commenced. In Pettapur I procured a place for a school-house in the malapilli. I paid 14 Rs. for nearly 200 sq. yds. of ground and the finished walls for a house. As it is in the malapilli I regard it as cheap. If we spend 6 or 8 Rs. more we have a nice house for the teacher. At Omungi, the people are begging very much for a school. On telling them I could not give them a teacher now, and that they had neglected their opportunity when they had a teacher, they confessed that they had been too ignorant then to see the benefit, and now that the teacher had gone they saw their foolishness. I told them that I would do for them what I could.

There is a Christian in this village who is somewhat gifted in appropriating what he hears, and in conveying it to others. He sings some hymns nicely and is just beginning to be able to read. He seems to have an inclination to evangelistic work. This is a jungle place among the hills, and our teachers from the other places cannot bear the climate. Fever allows them to remain but very few months. As yet, we have not been able to get any children to the Boarding-school from this place, and to lay hold of the field in this direction, we must have some one to do a little work. The Baptists were trying

to draw this man to their work, as I quickly discovered. This would have given a great check to our work here, and therefore, when this man came and asked me to be admitted into the Boarding-school for a year, I told him that he was too old. He begged me then to help him in some way to enable him to learn to read. I told him that I would put him on trial for six months. I would give him 2 Rs. 6 Annas per month—about 80 cents, which is the cost of the boarding for a boy, for a month,—that he had to spend half his time with the teacher, who is about three miles off, and the other half in going about to speak to the people of Christ and His salvation, and to have regular prayer with the Christians in his own village. "May I begin to-morrow," he asked, "to-morrow," I said, "you may begin and let us see what you can do." The next six months will tell of what stuff he is. I have several objects in view in taking him. If we do not use him, the Baptists will talk him to their side, and lay hold of the work there. He is from that place and can keep the Christians more regular in their Christian duties and get them interested in our work, as they will more readily believe him than the other teachers. Lastly, he can bear the climate and remain not only in his own village, but go still farther into the jungles and preach, in his simple way, the Gospel to those who never heard it before. I told him that he would have to be able to read the Bible well, study the Catechism, and write out his report.

As there are some children who are ready to come to read in the Boarding-school, if it is opened at Samulcotta, I have decided to continue it. Slowly, we may bring these children to Rajahmundry, then the school may be dispensed with, until a Missionary resides in the station. At Pattipad, a village about 15 miles north of Samulcotta, a boy is ready even for the school at Rajahmundry. His parents are anxious that he should study on, and are willing to let him receive baptism; even the father made no objections or excuses when I told him that the parents also ought to be baptized.

In this manner the Gospel will work its way slowly from village to village. We may sow and water, but God must give the increase.

F. S. Dietrich.

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending June 30, 1888, of the Samulcotta District. Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year. Christian Children.	No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Marriages.	Congregational Collection. R	A	P	Gain. By Baptism.	Gain. Total.	Loss. By Death.	Loss. Total.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.
1	Samulcotta	N. Isaac	.....	4	4	1	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5
2	Juggempet	D. Peter	1	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	3	5
3	Prattipad	R. David	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
4	Dharmavaram	" "	.....	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
5	Ommangi	" "	.....	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
6	Katlamoor	B. Daniel	.....	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	7	17
7	Peddapur	J. Venkataswami	.....	10	4	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	10	18
8	Rajagopaul	B. Prakasim	.....	18	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	1	6	19	25
9	Goriuta	K. Moses	.....	12	3	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	12	14
10	Polimaru	" "	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
11	Ragumpet	K. Michael	1	21	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	21	24
		Total	2	84	26	1	2	4	...	2	2	1	1	37	85	122

Semi-Annual School Report of Samulcotta District.

First Term, 1888.

No.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School. No. of Children.	Boys. Christian.	Boys. Heathen.	Girls. Christian.	Girls. Heathen.	No. of Classes.
1	Ragumpetta	K. Michael	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Peddapur	J. Venkataswami	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Kutlamoor	B. Daniel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	Rajagopaul	B. Prakasim	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Goriuta	Moses	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Juggempet	D. Peter	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Prattipad	R. David	11	.....	8	.....	3	3
		Total	11	.....	8	.....	3	.....

Tallapudi District.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, Missionary in Charge.

JULY–DECEMBER, 1887.

The close of the year finds all connected with the work, in this part of the field, enjoying the goodness of the Lord.

BAPTISMS.

Thirteen were added to the Church during the half year. Among them were four persons of the Mala caste. The Rev. F. S. Dietrich very kindly officiated at the baptism of my baby, and when I could not be present, owing to ill health, he very kindly baptized a person for me.

COMMUNION.

There are 93 communicants here, and of these 79 partook of the Lord's Supper. It is with deep sorrow that I have to note my conviction that there is a spirit of indifference prevalent among the Christians towards the Lord's Supper. Although timely notice is given of the time appointed for the celebration, many absent themselves. On the other hand, there are very many who approach the Lord's Table forgetting the admonition of St. Paul concerning self-examination. At a village the Christians immediately after receiving the Sacrament, began a quarrel with a neighbor. This quarrelsome spirit torments the community everywhere. At Peddehem I had to refuse administering the Sacrament until the Christians adjusted all difficulties existing between them.

A member of the Unudamus congregation had to be refused admission to the Lord's Supper. The reasons for excluding him were that he had longed again for heathenism, wishing to go back to the tents of wickedness, and for threatening to join the Baptists. How could a man, being a Baptist at heart, receive the true Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ?

MARRIAGES.

D. Brahmiah, teacher at Gopaulpore, was married. Rev. Dietrich performed the ceremony, owing to my illness.

DEATHS.

Rejoice to state that the hand of death was not laid on any of the adult members. Two infants were called away by the Shepherd of the flock.

SICKNESS.

A great deal of sickness prevailed during the latter part of the year. Teacher D. Brahmiah, who is stationed at an unhealthy place, suffered a great deal, soon after his marriage, with fever. We despaired of his life, but the good Lord brought him around. Two other teachers suffered, and one of them so badly that his duties were interfered with. He could not move about even. The pupils of two schools were also troubled with fever.

NEW VILLAGES.

Mulkapilli, a mile from Peddehem, was added to the list. I was often at the village and preached the Word, and the Peddehem school teacher also

paid much attention to the people of the place. Many of the villagers visited me while at Peddehem and begged of me to establish a school there. I arranged that as the pupils attended school only in the morning at Peddehem, the teacher should spend the afternoon at Mulkapilli. Twelve pupils were enrolled and four persons were baptized, while several others are leaning towards Christ.

School Land.

Government granted land for school purposes at the caste village of Kovur. This place is opposite to Rajahmundry and is an important village. The people gave the preached word a good hearing, and desire a school.

Land was also granted at Mullarum. The caste people in the village are very bitter against Christianity and used vile language against the teacher while he was proclaiming Christ. They did not interfere with me when I presented Christ to them. It is a promising village, and therefore I rejoice that an opening exists.

The lands granted to the late Rev. Artman, at Gopaulpore and Nullachesta, were confirmed to our Mission.

Arrangements were made for the building of a school at Gopaulpore, but as yet the work has not commenced. It is difficult to obtain timber. Government wanted too much for palmyra timber, and the village officials of Nundipudiem, just when timber was arranged for there, interfered and unjustly levied and exacted a heavy charge from the teacher for cutting timber in their forest. The Tahsildar, to whom the matter was represented, ordered the money exacted from the teacher to be refunded. I hope to push on the building in January.

Charge Against Christians.

The Christians of Nundipudiem caught one or two of their neighbors in the act of stealing some knives and axes of theirs, and came to ask my aid to get them back. While they were with me the perpetrators and others of the village, including the village officers, concocted a charge against the Christians of having stolen a pair of gold earrings from one of them. The police were informed of the matter, and as soon as the Christians returned to their village they were arrested. Nobody would listen to their complaint. I visited the place and saw that the police heard the Christians. In the case against the Christians it was urged that they had illegally confined the accused by making him fast to a post while they went after the others accused to catch them. This they confessed, and although the others had made out a charge of theft and wrongful confinement to screen themselves, I could only compromise matters.

The Feast of Subbaraydu.

This is a feast of an idol made in the image of a snake, and is celebrated for several days in many of the villages in this District. In the company of all my teachers I visited and preached at Peddehem and Charyulloo. At the former village good work was done, but at the latter the preachers were

disturbed by a man. He had recourse to bad language and nothing could be done with the man. A large number of leaflets were distributed there, and in spite of this disturber and another, a Mohammedan, many listened to the message. We were also at Dommoor, but found all the people had moved off to their homes to return at night.

Christmas Week.

The school children were provided with a Christmas tree on the 22d of December. The tree was arranged in our veranda. The gifts looked very pretty on the tree, and all enjoyed themselves. I desire to thank the friends at Lehighton for their share of the gifts distributed. A copy of our Christmas programme accompanies this report.

Distribution of Prizes.

Several months before Christmas prizes were offered to the teachers and pupils for different subjects, and after the school examinations were finished they were distributed on the 23d of December. V. Subbaraydu Garu delivered an address on "Education," on the occasion. On the 24th of December a meeting was held in the interest of our work. Addresses were made by me on "Our work in 1887," and by L. Jeremiah Garu on "Glimpses from the past." Missionary societies for women, men and children were organized, and from the spirit prevalent at the meeting, I believe some good will result. Copies of the constitution and the programme for the evening will follow this report.

Christmas Day.

Service was held in the morning and I preached on the text, "His name shall be called Wonderful," and Ch. Anandum preached at evening service on the text, "Unto us a Child is born." As many of the Christians were present in the village on that day the Lord's Supper was distributed. The teachers with two exceptions gave me satisfaction in the performance of their duties. The schools were examined from the 9th to the 18th of December. Though they are improving there is much room for still greater improvement.

I hesitate closing this report without a reference to the delay in paying the teachers. It not only inconveniences and places them in difficulties, but seriously interferes with the work.

Praying that the Lord will bless His people in America, and open their hearts so that the work here may go on unhindered.

F. J. McCready.

[The following letter to the Secretary is added as supplementary to the foregoing Report.]

TALLAPUDI, January 18, 1888.

In handing my Semi-Annual Reports to Rev. Poulsen I did not deliver a copy of my account for the building at Tallapudi, and I desire to explain herein why it was not done. My intention had been to prepare and send it along with the reports, but as my house has some little touching up to be done to it, and as it was not done before Christmas, I could not despatch the account. Every thing moves along very slowly here, especially at Tallapudi, where workmen are not available. They come from Rajahmundry, remain a few days, and run away to turn up again after a week or two. A little plastering of the back veranda, the outer wall of the west end room, and the flooring of the veranda at the western side, together with the whitewashing of about one-third of the house, remain to be finished. I am sending a sketch of the house for your inspection. A well is being dug at the south-eastern corner of the compound. I have the bricks ready to be burnt for it, and the depth of the well, so far completed, is 19 feet. The diameter of the well on the surface is 27 feet; the nature of the soil and the persistence of the natives require it to be dug so broad. At the bottom it will be 9 feet. After it is walled the diameter will be 7 feet. The natives say water, or rather a spring, will be struck after we dig 8 feet more. Having the well in the compound will be very convenient, for at present water has to be brought from the Godavery in Cavadies, a distance of at least three furlongs. I have planted a lot of fruit trees in the compound, and they require a good deal of water. In the rainy season it was very difficult for us to move about on account of the mud and slush. I have made a circle in front of the house, by two small roads, to allow us to get on to the embankment and into the village. The Missionary Council considered the matter and recommended the sanction of a grant for the road. I do not know whether the Committee sanctioned it, but I have done as in other cases. The Treasurer supplied me with the necessary money.

I have made a few changes in my arrangements for school work during the year, and I send you a copy of the Time Tables for the different schools. I do not have any assistant to help in preaching the Word in this large territory. The teachers, as usual, will spend Saturday in visiting and preaching in the surrounding villages. I intend spending a whole month in a tour all through my District in the western and southern directions. As soon as the Mission Boat is available, we will go up the river.

I begin to feel the need of an additional teacher in this place. The work in the day and night schools is too much for a single man. He has also to help me in writing out the monthly papers for the schools. This increases his work and I often fear he will break down. My wife is to help in teaching English and model lessons to the young ones, in addition to instruction in needlework. She is meditating over the step of taking a special course in science, music and drawing, believing that these will be aids in our work.

My mother-in-law has placed four thousand rupees at our disposal for this purpose, and we are waiting for an opening. My wife would have to go to Madras for the purpose.

I have applied to Government for grant for two night schools at Tallapudi and Peddehem, and for the day schools at Dommoor and Gopaulpore. The pupils in the two latter are all heathens, and the majority in the former two are also of the same creed. On examination of my Time Tables it will be found that the religious instruction of our young has a full share. The aid offered by Government in the case of schools of this description is large and is worth while obtaining. The Government does in no case prescribe books. Our own books are used by me, and the result, I am sure, will be beneficial to our Mission, looking at it from a financial, social (because the Hindus think our schools not worth looking at) and educational point of view. I would urge that permission be given me to place all my schools under Government. The Grant in Aid Code I have studied well, and will in no case allow Government to have too much to do in our schools. The truth is that they will do little more than the annual inspection by the Inspector. Rev. Dietrich informed us of the good result of his schools at Dowlaishwaram. It was astonishing, he said, to hear little boys of six and seven years of age repeat Luther's Catechism, with the explanations. * * *

The standard of the school at Tallapudi I have raised from January.

My schools will be examined by me in March and June, and in September and December, the Lord willing.

At present a shed is being used for the school, and the veranda of the bungalow for worship. Both are inconvenient and unpleasant. We have to be moving our things from the veranda every Sunday to make room for the worshipers, and a ragged shed in the compound is a sad sight, besides it is not large enough, and being a shed, the pupils are exposed to the cold air at night. It was indeed pitiful to see the poorly clad pupils trying to study with the cold north wind blowing upon them. All the schools re-opened on the 8th inst. I was at Rajahmundry from the 1st of January to the 16th, afternoon. The Conference lasted from the 1st to the 11th. Committee work was done on the 12th and 13th, and arrangements for things required for the bungalow and schools made on the 14th. I visited Tallapudi once during the Conference.

With Christian greetings, Yours sincerely,

F. J. McCready.

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending December, 1887, of the Tallapudi District. F. J. McCready, Pastor.

No	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. Baptized during the half-year.		Number of Communicants.	Number Communed.	Number of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.				Loss.					Number of Children.	Number of Adults.	Total Number of Christians.	Compared with last year.	
			Adults.	Christian Children.				R	A	P	By Baptism.	Re-admission.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By Death.	By Exclusion.	Back-sliders.	By removing to other places	Total.				Loss.	Gain.
1	Agraharum ...	None	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	.....	.....	4	...
2	Gopaulpore ...	D. Bromiah ...	1	...	1	1	1	...	4	.....	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2
3	Gowripilli	None	...	...	6	4	..	...	...	.....	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	7	...	...
4	Guddigudiem	K. Daniel.....	...	...	10	7	...	...	10	.....	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	4	5	11	10	21	3	...
5	Kurragapad	None	..	...	3	3	...	...	1	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	...	...
6	Metta	None	...	...	4	4	...	.	3	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	1	4	5	...	...
7	Mulkapilli	None	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	4	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	4
8	Nundamur ...	P. Peter.....	...	1	7	7	...	2	2	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	14	...	1
9	Nundigudiem	P. Samuel.....	...	1	16	11	...	1	9	3	1	...	4	5	1	...	...	2	3	10	16	26	...	2
10	Peddehem ...	V. Mark	2	2	14	12	...	1	6	11	4	1	3	8	...	...	...	4	4	17	20	37	...	4
11	Penkellam'tta	J. Cornelius...	...	...	3	3	...	...	6	.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	6	3	9	...	...
12	Tallapudi	Ch. Anandum	...	2	27	25	...	41	3	10½	2	1	1	4	...	2	...	3	5	16	29	45	1	..
13	Waddopilli.....	None	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
		Total	7	6	93	79	1	47	14	10½	13	2	11	26	2	2	4	13	21	70	106	176	8	13

Semi-Annual School Report of Tallapudi District.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	Day School.						Night School.					Books Used.	Remarks.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Children.		
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.			
1	Dommoor	P. Peter..... J. Cornelius...	12	...	8	...	4	2	...	..	...	...	..	Luther's Catechism, Old Testament stories, New Testament stories, Telugu Second Book, Telugu First Book, Geography.	At Nundamur, Penkellamatta, Mulkapilli and Peddehem, school is taught either in the forenoon or afternoon.
2	Gopaulpore.....	D. Brahmiah.....	15	...	9	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	..		
3	Guddigudiem....	K. Daniel	6	3	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	..		
4	Mulkapilli	V. Mark.....	12	...	9	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	..		
5	Nundamur.....	P. Peter.....	3	1	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	..		
6	Nundigudiem ...	P. Samuel.....	5	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	..	..		
7	Peddehem...	V. Mark.....	19	2	3	5	...	4	3	11	...	...	14		
8	Penkellametta..	J. Cornelius.....	3	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	..		
9	Tallapudi	Ch. Anandum...	19	7	7	3	2	4	10	10	1	...	21		
	Total.....	.....	85	17	38	15	15	20	13	21	1	...	35		

Tallapudi Day School.

No.	Names of Pupils.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	Yemuluri Reuben	Second.	12	Male.	Christian.
2	Kakullopati Ruth	"	13	Female.	"
3	Yemuluri Samuel	"	16	Male.	"
4	Yemuluri Jacob.	First B.	9	"	"
5	Yemuluri Fanny	First A.	8	Female.	"
6	Pulopulli Kautha	First A.	16	"	"
7	Yemuluri Anandum	First B.	6	Male.	"
8	Kakullopati William	First B.	17	"	"
9	Sungamoradi Pothigadu	First B.	7	"	Sachidee, Hindoo
10	" Chinna Pothigadu.	First C.	5	"	" "
11	Sarapati Elligadu	First C.	5	"	" "
12	" Chinna Elligadu	First C.	4	"	" "
13	Vupullapati Marigadu	First C.	5	"	Chuckler, Hindoo.
14	Nuthanghi Jacob	First B.	15	"	Christian.
15	Panumaka Dwarakaidas	First A.	14	"	"
16	Kodu Solomon	First C.	18	"	"

Tallapudi Night School.

Names of Pupils.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
Y. Samuel	Second.	16	Male.	Christian.
K. Ruth	"	13	Female.	"
Y. Reuben	"	12	Male.	"
Y. Fanny	First A.	8	Female.	"
Y. Benjamin	First C.	14	Male.	"
Y. Moses	First C.	20	"	"
P. Kautha	First A.	16	Female.	"
V. Chintadu	First C.	12	Male.	Chuckler, Hindoo.
U. Jacob	First B.	15	"	Christian.
V. Mark	First B.	25	"	"
K. Solomon	First C.	18	"	"
P. Dwarakaidas	First A.	14	"	"
C. Basavadu	First C.	24	"	"
V. Mark	Second.	26	"	"
P. Appolanursamah	First C.	20	Female.	Theloga, Hindoo
Swamy	First C.	21	Male.	Mala, Hindoo.
V. Venketaswamy	First C	19	"	Christian.
Venketaswamy	First C.	23	"	Mala, Hindoo

Portions.

Subjects.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
O. T. Stories	Lessons 39 to 47	The portion completed.
N. T. Stories	Lessons 35 to 47	Completed to Lesson 38.
Second Book	Lessons 35 to 45	One pupil read to Lesson 40, and two pupils to Lesson 37.
Arithmetic	Simple subtraction	Only one pupil could work subtraction. The others work simple addition. None of them understand proving their answers.
Geography	Sections 8 to 15	Not studied.
Hand-writing	Second class, to show nine copies	None produced.
	I. Class A., 22 copies to be written on slates during the month	Instructions of time table not carried out.
Catechism	II. Class, Baptism with Explanations	One pupil quite ignorant; the second hardly better and the third knew a little.
	I. Class A., the Ten Commandments with Explanations	Completed.
	I. Class B., Lord's Prayer with Explanations, to the 3d petition	Completed
	I. Class C., the Lord's Prayer.	Completed.

Subjects.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
Needlework	II. Class, backstitching	Attention paid to the instructions given in the Time Tables.
	I. Class A., hemming	
	I. Class B., running	
	I. Class C., running	
Singing	Hymns Nos. 40 and 78	Only No. 40 was taught.
Alphabet	Seventeen consonants	Completed.
Numeration and notation	II. Class, writing to 7 places of figures	Completed.
	I. Class A., counting to 100, backwards and forwards and by 4's, 5's and 10's	Completed.
	I. Class B., counting to 40 and writing to 30	Completed.
	I. Class C., counting to 30 and writing to 25	Not completed.
First Reader	Part two, lessons 12 to 22	Nearly completed.
Tables	Multiplication Table 7 and 8 times	One pupil recited to five times, the second to four times and the third to three times only.

Result of the Examination—Tallapudi Day School.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Catechism 10 marks.	O. T. Stories, 10 marks.	N. T. Stories, 10 marks.	Alphabet, 10 marks.	First Reader, 10 marks.	Second Reader, 10 marks.	Dictation, 10 marks.	Spelling, 10 marks.	Notation and Numeration, 20 marks.	Copy writing, 6 marks.	Singing, 10 marks.	Needlework, 10 marks.	Arithmetic, 10 marks.	Tables, 10 marks.	Maximum marks.	Marks obtained.
K. Ruth	.....	6	9	.....	.....	5	2	3	10	.....	4	8	4	4	136	55
Y. Reuben	3 7/8	5	4 1/3	.....	.....	6	7	7 1/2	6	.....	1	8	6 2/3	5 1/2	136	60 7/8
Y. Samuel	5 3-5	6	8	.....	.....	7	6	6	8	1-10	3	4	4 2/3	2	136	60 1/3
Y. Fanny	3	2	4	.....	6	.....	2	5	16	2	1 1/8	6	.....	.....	108	47 1/8
P. Kautha	4 3-5	4	2	.....	1 1/2	.....	4	1	5	1	1	3	.....	.....	108	27 1-10
P. Dwarakaidas	5 3-5	8	4	.....	6 1/2	.....	8	8	19	2	4	4	.....	.....	108	69 1-10
Y. Jaeob	3 5/8	2	8	.....	8	.....	...	.....	20	.....	1	7	.....	.....	80	49 5/8
Y. Anandum	2 1-5	.....	2	.....	7	.....	...	.....	17	.....	3 5/8	9	.....	.....	80	41 1/8
K. William	1	.....	7	.....	1	.....	...	.....	4	... ..	2 1/2	4	.....	.....	80	19 1/2
S. Pothigadu	1 3/8	6	6	.....	4	.....	...	.....	15 1/2	.....	2 1/2	6 1/2	.....	.....	80	41 7/8
S. Chinna Pothigadu	5	2	.....	6	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	3 5/8	5	.....	.....	60	21 5/8
S. Elligadu	4	2	.....	6	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	60	18
S. Chinna Elligadu	3	.....	1	3	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	3 5/8	.....	.....	.....	60	10 5/8
V. Marigadu	4	4	2	4	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2 1/2	3	.....	.....	60	19 1/2
K. Solomon	2	2	2	6	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2 1/4	3	... .	.....	60	17 1/4

GOPAULPORE DAY SCHOOL.

General.

Teacher.—D. Brohmiah.

Date of appointment, July 1, 1887.

Number of pupils on the roll in July.....19
" " " August.....15
Number of pupils at examination..... 7
Number of males..... 9
Number of females..... 7
Maximum of marks.....70
Highest number of marks obtained.....43 7-60
Lowest number of marks obtained.....28 2/3
Average number of pupils up to date.....17

Order in school.—Not examined properly as yet.

Register.—Names and attendance pretty nicely filled in up to date. The cover soiled with ink, and the paper cover torn. Many items of information require attention from the teacher. Blotting paper in its place.

Time Table.—He only had the board and the portions, but not the Time Table. This I was unaware of. The old mistake of not removing the old portions of studies, before putting on the new, committed.

File.—Papers not arranged properly.

Teacher's Diary.—Diary for Sunday and Monday not entered.

Bible.—It belonged to the Singanopilly School. One page loose.

Property.—One Telugu Bible; two time table boards; one attendance register; one copy Old Testament stories; one ruler; one teacher's file; 17 needles.

Sewing.—Gave him twelve bags to have sewed.

Sales.—Eight slates and seven slate pencils.

Requirements.—Land for school house; school house; bell; a copy of the New Testament stories; bench; table; nine table covers for register; Hymn Book; tape for time tables.

Present School House.—The Modigas lent two houses, one for the teacher and the other for the school. The latter I got repaired at the end of June. On the teacher's arrival, the owner of his house wanted to put some hides in it. He objected to this arrangement, and built himself a loft in the school house in which he sleeps at night and puts away his things in the day. The house, which is a few square yards in area, is divided into two parts. The inner part is appropriated by the teacher, and the outer part is the school. Wrote again to the Tahsildar for fifth or sixth time for the land. The teacher has been busy collecting material, and intended putting up a shed for himself, but found he could not proceed without my help, and discontinued its erection. As soon as the grant of land is made, which will soon be done, I intend running up the house. All necessary inquiries regarding the materials have been made, and help has been promised by some parties. A Kumma man offered me land in his field, but to be held by us only as long as we use the land. I preferred not accepting his offer.

Gopaulpore Day School.

No.	Names of Pupils.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	K. Gungadu.....	First.	6	Male.	Modiga or Chuckler, Hindoo.
2	S. Venkadu.....	"	8	"	" "
3	J. Venkadu	"	5	"	" "
4	P. Siddhi.....	"	9	Female.	" "
5	P. Somi.....	"	6	"	" "
6	Y. Gowri.....	"	6	"	" "
7	R. Veeri.....	"	7	"	" "

Portions.

Subjects.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
Catechism	Creed.—Parts 1 and 2....	Creed. *Part* 1.—The teacher says the pupils know the whole of the Lord's Prayer, which was July's portion; I examined only August's. The teacher was obliged to use the Gospel of Luke, and therefore did not teach the portion. He did not have a copy of the N. T. stories. None to be had at Rajahmundry. I have written to Madras The teacher apparently does not know how to teach the subject. Very bad.
N. T. Stories	Luke 2: 4-38.....	
O. T. Stories.....	Lessons 53-56.....	*Completed.*—Remarkably bad. One girl made use of an improper expression in answering, and the teacher, instead of checking her, very foolishly laughed. Another girl sent the prophet Jonah fishing.
Alphabet	Six Vowels.....	Three knew all the letters, one all the vowels, five consonants, and three completed the portion. Pupils, Nos. 5, 6 and 7, were only able to repeat, not to point out or write the vowels. Good.
Notation.....	To count to three.....	*Completed.*—Marks were lost for bad pronunciation. The teacher evidently did not give attention to the incorrect pronunciation, for every pupil made the same mistakes. These mistakes are common among the Modigas, etc.
Singing ..:.....	Marriage Hymn.....	*Completed.*—Marks were given separately for singing and for repeating. Marks were again deducted for bad pronunciation.
Sewing.....	Holding and threading the needle.....	Some did not know exactly how to hold the needle when threading it; others did not point the thread sharp before attempting to thread it; some did not hold the needle properly.

Result of the Examination.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Catechism, ten marks.	New Testament stories, ten marks.	Old Testament stories, ten marks.	Alphabet, ten marks.	Numeration, ten marks.	Singing, ten marks.	Needle-work, ten marks.	Maximum of marks.	Marks obtained.
K. Gungadu.....	5	1	.....	8	3 1/3	7	5	70	29 1/3
S. Venkadu.....	7	.....	4 1-5	10	6 2/3	9	6 1/4	70	43 7-60
J. Venkadu.....	7 1/2	.....	.....	6 3/4	6 2/3	8	2 1/2	70	31 5-12
P. Siddhi.	4	1/2	2	4 1/2	3 1/3	7 1/2	5	70	26 5-6
P. Somi.....	5	2	1	3 1/2	6 2/3	6 1/4	5	70	29 5-12
Y. Gowri.....	6	.....	.....	5	6 2/3	7 1/2	5	70	30 1-6
R. Veeri.....	9	.....	.....	6	6 2/3	5 1/2	2 1/2	70	29 2/3

VILLAGE, NUNDAMUR.

Teacher.—P. Peter.
Date of examination, March 6, 1887.
Teacher supported by Mr. F. Burstram.
School hours, 2 to 5 P. M.

Number of pupils on the rolls..... 3
Number of pupils present at the examination..... 3
Females on the rolls..... 1
Males on the rolls..... 2

Maximum marks, 1. A class..... 105
" " 1. B class..... 79
" " 1. C class..... 73
Highest number of marks obtained..... 56
Lowest number of marks obtained..... 0

Register of daily attendance.—The attendance of the pupils not commenced being marked, although this is the 6th of the month. Column No. 2 not correctly filled in.

Time tables.—Attention paid to them.

Cleanliness of pupils.—Came to school with dirty faces.

Order in school.—V. Brahmadu was absent and had fairly to be dragged to school. The pupils are very slow in answering questions. V. Brahmadu cried when questioned.

Promotions.—V. Jacob from the First Class A to the Second Class, and Satiawati from the First Class B, to the First Class A.

The future.—As soon as the school house is finished, some shepherds intend sending their pupils.

The past.—The number of pupils has never exceeded three in this school. V. Benjamin of the Second Class, entered the Boarding School at Rajahmundry in January of this year and V. Brahmadu entered to make up the number three.

Report and diary.—The teacher has not handed them in, although this should have been done before the first of the month.

Nundamur School.

No.	Names.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	Y. Jacob.....	1. A.	8	Male.	Christian.
2	Y. Satiawati.....	1. B.	5	Female.	Christian.
3	V. Brahmadu.....	1. C.	5	Male.	Hindoo, Chuckler

Result of the Examination.

NAMES.	Catechism, ten marks.	Old Testament stories, ten marks.	New Testament stories, ten marks.	First Reader, ten marks,	Alphabet ten marks.	Notation, twenty marks.	Copy writing, six marks.	Dictation, twenty marks.	Singing, seven marks.	Needlework, six marks.	Spelling, six marks.	Maximum marks.	Marks obtained.
Y. Jacob.....	5	6	5	7	.....	16	4	3	4	2	4	105	56
Y. Satiawati.....	6	2	2	6	.....	18	.....	.....	2	1	2	79	39
V. Brahmadu.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	.....

NUNDAMUR SCHOOL. PORTIONS, March 7, 1887.

SUBJECTS.	PORTIONS SET.	PORTIONS STUDIED.
Catechism	All classes, the Lord's Prayer	1 Class A. the whole studied. 1 Class B. the whole studied. 1 Class C. the portion not studied.
O T. stories	Lessons 7-14	1 Class A. questions answered pretty well. 1 Class B. indifferently. 1 Class C. portion not studied.
N. T. stories	Lessons 11-22	1 Class A. pretty good. 1 Class B. poor.
Alphabet and combinations	Alphabet, twenty letters, combinations to Z. First class A	1 Class C. portion not taught. 1 Class B. passed beyond combinations. 1 Class C. alphabet not studied.
First Reader	Lessons 14-23	The portion gone over.
Numeration and notation	1 A. writing in Telugu and English figures to 25. 1 B. counting to 25	1 Class A. portion finished. 1 Class B. could count to 18.
Dictation	First book, part 2. Lessons 1-6	The portion finished. Pupil, however, writes badly.
Spelling	1 A. simple words	1 Class A. good.
Copy writing	Large letters on slate	Writing fair.
Singing	"God save the Queen" and "Jesus loves me"	The pupils of 1 Class A. and B. could recite one stanza of each hymn when helped on. 1 Class C. not even so much.
Needlework	1 A. hemming 1 B. running. 1 C. holding and threading the needle	The hemming badly sewed. The running ditto. 1 Class C. nothing done.

VILLAGE, DOMMOOR.

Teachers.—P. Peter of Nundamur in the forenoon, and J. Cornelius in the afternoon.

Number of pupils on the rolls..... 13
Number of pupils present at examination..... 12
Males on the rolls..... 7
Females on the rolls..... 6
Highest number of marks obtained..... 38 4-5
Lowest number of marks obtained..... 1
Personal cleanliness of pupils. Some of them very tidy in dress and person.

ORDER IN SCHOOL.

There was, on the whole, evidence of attention being paid to order. Occasionally a little girl would speak out of turn or would help others on in their answers. One little boy left the ranks, when his mother came in sight, and nothing would induce him to return to his place. There was disorder when the pupils were taking their places. The teacher, J. Cornelius, evidently did not understand the management of children. The usual folding of hands, nicely done.

Dommoor School.

No.	Names.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	K. Brahmadu	First "C"	7	Male.	Hindoo, Chuckler.
2	P. Brahmadu	"	6	"	"
3	K. Bramamah	"	6	Female.	"
4	K. Appulloo	"	8	Male.	"
5	C. Lukshmadu	"	7	"	"
6	C. Mara	"	6	Female.	"
7	K. Nulalu	"	7	"	"
8	K. Polaru	"	9	"	"
9	K. Seeti	"	7	"	"
10	K. Sommallu	"	8	"	"
11	K. Suriah	"	7	Male.	"
12	C. Venkadu	"	6	"	"
13	K. Venketaswamy	"	8	"	"

Portions Studied.

Subject.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
1. Catechism	The repetition of the Lord's Prayer	Five of the pupils were able to repeat most of it. Some knew the introduction and others not even so much.
2. N. T. Stories	Lessons 11-22	Two pupils answered simple questions in the Saviour's life.
3. O. T. Stories	Lessons 7-14	No instruction was evidently given.
4. Alphabet	Twenty letters	The majority could not repeat or point out the vowels even.
5. Notation	Counting to ten.	A few counted to fifteen; the rest did badly.
6. Sewing	Holding and threading the needle	None able to do so.
7. Singing	"God Save the Queen," and "Jesus loves me"	The only hymns the pupils were familiar with were two old hymns. The new hymns were not taught.

Result of the Examination.

NAMES.	Catechism, sixteen marks.	New Testament stories, six marks.	Old Testament stories, six marks.	Alphabet, eighteen marks.	Notation, fifteen marks.	Needlework, six marks.	Singing six marks.
K. Brahmadu	.....	.....	.....	6	5	.....	.....
K. Bramamah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
K. Seeti	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
K. Venketaswamy	½	.....	.....	13	9	.....	3
K. Appulloo	4	.....	.....	9	9	.....	.....
K. Polaru	3	.....	.....	16	8 2-5	.....	.....
K. Nulalu	5	.....	.....	14	8 2-5	.....	2
K. Sommallu	4	6	.....	18	7 4-5	.....	3
K. Suriah	2	.....	.....	8	½	.....	.....
C. Lukshmadu	4	.....	.....	9	9	.....	2
C. Mara	.....	6	.....	8	7 1-5	.....	1
P. Brahmadu	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....
C. Venkadu	1	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1

Peddehem School.

No.	Names of Pupils.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	M. Rahael	Second.	10	Female.	Christian.
2	G. Emma	First A.	10	"	"
3	B. Maria	" "	7	"	"
4	G. Somadu	" B.	10	Male.	Hindoo, Pariah.
5	P. Cheudrigadu	" C.	10	"	"
6	G. David	" "	6	"	Christian.
7	K. John	" "	5	"	"
8	B. Karuna	" "	4	Female.	"

Portions.

Subjects.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
N. T. Stories	Lessons 35 to 47	Studied.
O. T. Stories	Lessons 39 to 47	Portion gone over.
Catechism	I. Class, Baptism	Portion hardly taught. Pupil had no book.
	I. Class A. Ten Commandments with Explanations	This part not touched. Parts 2 and 3 taught.
	I. Class B. Lord's Prayer Explanations to 3d petition	Portion only commenced. This important subject neglected on the whole.
Second Reader	Lessons 35 to 45	Lessons 35 to 44.
First Reader	Part 2. Lessons 14 to 22	Part 1. Lessons 1-14.
Arithmetic	Subtraction	Even sums in simple addition could not be worked.
Tables	Multiplication, 7 and 8 times	Not taught.
Hand-writing	Second Class. Nine copies to be produced	None shown.
Numeration and notation	1st Class A. counting to 99 and writing to 50	Attention paid.
	1st Class B. counting to 40 and writing to 30	Counting to 40 and writing to 40.
	1st Class C. counting to 30 and writing to 25	One pupil counted and wrote to 25. Others did not complete.
Singing	Hymns, Nos. 40 and 78	Only two pupils knew No. 40.
Geography	Sections 1-15	Not taught. No books with pupils.
Needlework	Second Class, backstitching	Done.
Alphabet	Seventeen consonants	Two pupils to L; one to S, and two knew only the first two letters of the alphabet, A B.

Result of the Examination.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Catechism, 10 marks.	O. Testament Stories 10 marks	N. Testament Stories 10 marks.	Alphabet, 10 marks.	First Reader, 10 marks.	Second Reader, 10 marks.	Dictation, 10 marks.	Spelling, 10 marks.	Notation and numeration 15 marks.	Copy-writing, 10 marks.	Singing, 10 marks.	Sewing, 10 marks.	Geography, 10 marks.	Arithmetic, 10 marks.	Tables, 10 marks.	Maximum marks.	Marks obtained.
M. Rahael	.....	8	7	.....	.....	6½	7	.....	.....	.....	6	8	.....	.....	.....	106	42½
G. Emma	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	9½	.....	2½	4	.....	.....	.....	85	20
B. Maria	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1⅜	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	....	85	6⅜
G. Somadu	5	4	2	....	5	.....	...	.....	14½	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	75	34
P. Cheudrigadu	5	.....	½	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	75	18
G. David	5	2	1	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....	7⅔	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	18⅙
K. John	4½	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	8½
B. Karuna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....

PEDDEHEM NIGHT SCHOOL.

General.

Teacher.—K. Appalaswamy.

Date of appointment, July 1, 1887.

Date of examination, August 5 and 6, 1887.

Pupils on the roll	8
Pupils at examination, all males	6
Highest number of marks obtained	59½
Lowest number of marks obtained	7½
Maximum of marks, Second Class	80
" " First " A	80
" " " " C	40

Attendance Register.—The following not attended to: The column for "Standards" and "Total Daily Attendance" for July and August not given; the information at the bottom of the page for August not translated into Telugu. Yesterday's attendance not marked; it should have been done on opening of school. All the information at the bottom of the page for July incorrectly given, except one item. The same in August should be given at the end of the month; he has done it already. The "Admission Number" column incorrectly kept all through the Register. Likewise the "Class Number." The total attendance in July of the Night School was regarded every day as only half an attendance, instead of a full one, and thus got the average attendance wrong. The blotting paper not in the Register. Its cover in order. On the whole, the Register is kept clean.

School Bell.—Did not see it used. It came from the teacher's quarters when called for. It is never used in opening school in the evening, and never at closing.

Order in School.—Pretty fair. As is usual with Hindus, the boys would occasionally stick their feet up on the bench.

Time Tables.—Teacher is pretty well acquainted with their use. The only mistake was the pasting of August's portions on the top of July's. The latter should have been removed. They were in their places on the walls.

Cleanliness of Pupils.—As a rule these pupils are cleanly in habits and dress, yet room for improvement.

Singing.—The pupils of this Night School, which is composed of almost all castes except Brahmins, have, for nearly two years, had the reputation of singing Christian hymns very nicely. They do not hesitate, but sing with spirit. It is always a pleasure for me to meet them.

Intended Admissions.—Two, besides the eight pupils mentioned above, are in attendance, but have not been formally admitted, not having put in fifteen attendances.

Arrangements into Classes.—Third Class, G. Veeraswamy.
Second Class, Syed Ahmed, Chendoo Saheb, C. Subbaraydu, M. Bullis-wamy.
First Class A, Syed Hussain.
First Class C, G. Gungaraz, T. Sadhoo, K. Subbiah, K. Venkadu.

Peddehem Night School.

No.	Names of Pupils.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	Syed Ahmed	Second.	18	Male.	Mohammedan.
2	Syed Hussain	First A.	15	"	"
3	Chargentu Subbaraydu	Second.	18	"	Hindoo, Barbar.
4	Gavadhi Gungaraz	First C.	15	"	Hindoo, Theloga.
5	Gurraga Veeraswamy	Second.	20	"	" "
6	Muppanopalli Bulliswamy	"	17	"	" "
7	Chendoo Saheb	"	16	"	Mohammedan.
8	Thiguropalli Sadhoo	First C.	16	"	Christian.

Portions.

Subjects.	Portions Studied.
Reading	Second Class.—One pupil, description of Madras Presidency, Sections 1-6; another, Poetical Anthology, verses 1-34; third, Poetical Anthology, verses 1-46; fourth, read several books.
	First Class A.—Can read, but has no First Book.
	First Class C.—Consonants to —. (Twenty-seven consonants).
Geography	Second Class.—One pupil studied Sections 1-6 in description of the Madras Presidency; the rest, general questions regarding the Vernogudiem Talug.
	First Class A. } First Class C. } General questions regarding the Vernogudiem Talug.
Arithmetic	All three Classes.—Simple Addition.
Notation and Numeration	Second Class.—Pupil No. 1, counting generally, and backwards, and by tens; No. 3, counting up to 100 in Telugu; No. 5, writing to six places of figures in English and Telugu; No. 7, writing to four places of figures in English and Telugu.
	First Class A.—Writing to 100 in English and Telugu.
	First Class C.—Counting to 100 by dropping one figure between.
Tables	Second Class.—Variety here. Multiplication Tables, pupil No. 1, twice; No. 3, two and three times; No. 5, two to six; No. 7, two to five.
	First Class A.—Twice.
Dictation	Second Class.—Writing difficult words.
Hand-writing	Second Class.—One boy only produced a copy-book; the others wrote on slates. large hand.
	First Class A.—Large hand on slates.
Singing	Second Class.—No. 1, three hymns; No. 3, one hymn; No. 5, three hymns; No. 7, two hymns.
	First Class A.—One hymn.
Catechism	Not taught.—Arrangements made for it.
N. T. Stories	" " " " "
O. T. Stories	" "

Result of the Examination.

NAMES OF PUPILS.	Second Reader, ten marks.	Alphabet, ten marks.	Geography, ten marks.	Tables, ten marks.	Numeration and Notation, ten marks.	Arithmetic, ten marks.	Singing, ten marks.	Dictation, ten marks.	Hand-writing, ten marks.	Maximum marks.	Marks obtained.
Syed Ahmed	5	.....	7	2	1	2	6	.....	5	80	28
Syed Hussain	.....	.....	8	1½	6	2	7	5	2	80	31½
C. Subbaraydu	3	.....	2	4	3	.....	9	.....	2	80	23
G. Gungaraz	.....	4	1	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	7½
G. Veeraswamy	6	.....	2	9½	6	9	8	10	9	80	59½
Chendoo Saheb	4	.....	.....	7	8	1½	4	10	6	80	40½

VILLAGE, PENKELLAMETTA.

Teacher.—J. Cornelius.

Date of examination, March 5, 1887.

Number of pupils on the rolls 2
" " " present at the examination 2
Females on the rolls 2
Males on the rolls 0
Maximum marks 65
Highest number of marks obtained 33½
Lowest number of marks obtained 12

Register.—The names of the pupils and their attendance were not entered in the Register up to date. The teacher should fill in the names on the last day of the preceding month.

Time Tables.—Here also the teacher was guilty of neglect of duty. The portions of Class C. for March, were put on the time table board of Class 1 B. The teacher must return the board which he does not require at present in the school. He must let me know what has become of the congregational Hymn-book and the congregational Bible.

Cleanliness of pupils.—One pupil was very dirty and untidy.

Order in the school.—Good on the whole.

Complaints against the teacher.—The Christian Nathaniel complains that the teacher borrowed money from him and would not pay it. Also, that he does not leave his house. The former is not his fault. He has not been paid by the Mission, and he must borrow money, or starve. The latter part of the complaint is true, and he is warned, that unless he is more faithful in doing his duty, and unless he shows better results of his work, his services will be dispensed with.

Penkellametta School.

No.	Names.	Class.	Age.	Sex.	Religion and Caste.
1	P. Karuna	1 C.	10	Female	Christian.
2	P. Maria	1 C.	6	Female	Christian.

Portions.

Subjects.	Portions Set.	Portions Studied.
Catechism	The Lord's Prayer	The pupils could not repeat a line without mistakes.
O. T. stories	Lessons 7–14	Simple questions about our first parents were asked.
N. T. stories	Lessons 11 to 22	Questions in the Life of the Saviour could not be answered.
Alphabet	Twenty letters	Karuna knew eight vowels, and Maria only six.
Notation	Counting to 10	Karuna counted to 12, and Maria to 3 only.
Sewing	Holding and threading the needle	None produced.
Singing	"God save the Queen," and "Jesus loves me"	Neither of the appointed hymns was taught.

Result of the Examination.

NAMES.	Catechism, six marks.	New Testament stories, six marks.	Old Testament stories, six marks.	Alphabet, fifteen marks.	Notation, Twenty marks.	Singing, six marks.	Sewing, six marks.	Maximum marks.	Marks obtained.
P. Karuna.....	0	1	4	11½	12	5	0	65	33½
P. Maria.....	0	½	1	4½	3	3	0	65	12

January to June, 1888.

Staff.—Missionary and Seven Teachers.

CONGREGATIONAL WORK.

SERVICES.—MORNING.

During the last half year under review the Divine blessing attended us in our labours in this department. The Church Book is in use in all the out-stations; teachers have become familiar with it, and hence show progress in conducting the services; and the people, in my opinion, enjoy it and also benefit by it in using the many responses and by joining in the prayers aloud. The Gospel, Epistle and Old Testament Lessons as laid down in the Church Book, have been gone through so far in regular order. The lessons and hymns I still continue appointing for every Lord's Day, and supply all the teachers with papers that separately contain the lessons, etc., for the different Sundays in the month. These papers are carried away by them to their villages at the end of each month when they come for their salaries. Thus a uniformity in the lessons read and the hymns sung, is secured all through the field. As far as our limited number of hymns will allow, selections are made suitable for the various Sundays of the Church year. As a rule the teachers do not consider this point, and sometimes the most inappropriate hymns are sung on special Sundays. To remedy the matter I adopted the plan of selecting and appointing the hymns for all the Sundays of the year. In case the teachers are not familiar with the tunes, one of their own number, generally Ch. Anandum, instructs them.

In my field, as perhaps, elsewhere, we experience an additional disadvantage: the Christians, who with the exception of the teachers and a few children in two places, cannot read, know but few or no hymns. Sometimes the preacher is the only singer in a band of worshippers. This was my experience not many Sundays ago at Mulkapilli. I had to line out the hymns. At Tallapudi and at Senice, the teacher generally reads the Lessons when I am present, and during my absence the duty devolves on him of conducting the whole service. Gener-

ally, the heathen near the place of worship, turn out when the hymn of praise is raised of a Sunday morning, and remain all through the service. Sometimes they disturb the worshippers by talking aloud or doing something out of the way. A man stood behind my chair while I was conducting communion service at Gowripilli, and he remained in that posture while we were engaged in prayer; suddenly he broke out—"Venkodu, go home and help in thatching the house,"—this, of course, was in Telugu. He was behind me, and Venkodu, a little boy, was opposite him, but beyond the congregation. If the teacher is a good speaker, quoting Scripture passages in support of points and using good illustrations in explanation of the truth he is proclaiming, he draws people just as in America. They, however, here and there, interrupt him with their assent or dissent, or tell him he is a good speaker, or say loud enough to be heard, "this fellow knows nothing." The teacher bears all—good and evil report—and he never gets "stuck" in spite of the interruptions. I wish to narrate the effect our morning service at Tallapudi had on an old weaver caste man. They are generally worshippers of Sira. He came just as we were commencing and secured a good seat on the floor, behind the preacher. A Bible, with the lessons marked, was handed to him when the Scripture lessons were about to be read; he followed the reader very devoutly. He continued to the close of the service, and appeared to be impressed with all said and done. He then retired after receiving the invitation to come again and after the usual salaam. I learned since that he is of a religious turn of mind and is regarded by his brethren as a good Hindu. He came again, but with a plate in his hand, covered over with part of his cloth, and under the cloth were peas, sugar and other eatables, etc., generally offered to idols. He went to the teacher and informed him that he had brought what was on the plate as a thank-offering to the Lord Jesus. He wanted the teacher to accompany us to our veranda, where by the way, our service was held, and there wave the offering before the Lord. He believed that the Lord Jesus was in the veranda. The teacher could hardly persuade him that He was not there, and that He does not want such things, and that He sets a higher value on the heart of man. What led him to bring the offering was asked, and he said that he had a bad debtor, who always postponed paying him his rupee. After attending service that morning, the thought struck him that he should pray to this Lord Jesus to help him in recovering the rupee, and he did so, promising to give Him part of it in the shape of an offering. That very day the debtor came to him, and unasked, paid him the rupee. He had now come to fulfil his promise. The teacher then told him to accept Christ as his Saviour, and to offer his heart to Christ. When he found out for a certainty that Jesus would not take his gift, he requested the teacher to distribute the good things among the children of the school in the name of Jesus. The teacher of Umdijadim conducts service, morning at Kurragopodu; the teacher of Peddehem, at Metto; the teacher of Nundamur, at Gowripilli. Waddopilly, where the Baptists are strong, is neglected. I have nobody to send there on Sundays. The average attendance at all the services is mentioned elsewhere. It is a part of the teacher's duty to mark the attendance in the congregational register of each village.

EVENING SERVICE.

Since January we have been using the First Book of Samuel, and we are going through it. As at A. M. service, the Scripture lessons and hymns are appointed for every month—so also is it done for Evening service. The teacher at Gopaulpore conducts Evening service at Guddigudiem, as there is no teacher there at present. The other teachers conduct Evening service in their own villages.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

With the exception at Mulkopilli, Dommoor and Kovur, every village has its Sunday-school. At the first named place the heathen parents objected to their children being present at religious exercises, for fear their young minds would be influenced, and the teacher did not think it necessary to keep school for two Christian children. The Dommoor school teacher has plenty of time on Sundays to work at a Sunday-school in his station. He lives two miles off, and he could not give a satisfactory reason for neglecting his duty. For Kovur there is nobody at present to give attention to the point. But during the coming half year I hope to report that the children of all three villages are receiving instruction. Teachers should of their own accord take an interest in Sunday-school work—here they have to be driven to it. There are exceptions, however. The lessons, which are chosen from the Gospel according to St. Luke, and the hymns, are appointed as in the other cases. Instead of giving out texts from different parts of the Bible, the children are made to commit to memory the responses in the services. The Gopaulpore teacher conducts Sunday-school at his own village, and then goes on to Guddigudiem—which is five miles away—to conduct Sunday-school. For use in the Sunday-school, the simple parts of the English Sunday-school Book were put into Telugu, and are used in manuscript form in all the Sunday-schools. I expect to print the little book during the next half year. Elsewhere will be found the average attendance at Sunday-school. I was obliged to drop using tickets as rewards—for it became expensive. Instead the attendance is marked in little books, and at the end of the year the faithful will be rewarded. L. Jeremiah—a former worker here—but now of Nursapur, has offered to every heathen child in or out of our schools, a reward of one pice for every couple of texts committed—one from the Old, and the other from the New Testament. I am sorry that the teachers did not interest themselves sufficiently, and that the few efforts put forth did not result in even one child repeating a text. To encourage people to take an interest in our work, we should show our appreciation of their services, and make good use of their offers. Hundreds of texts could be taught to heathen children—they would learn them for the sake of the pice—but this means *work* for the teachers, and hence many have not made a beginning. My wife superintends the Sunday-school at Tallapudi. There are three teachers in it, with a goodly number of pupils. Old and young attend, and I am inclined to think they begin to like their Sunday-school, as in America.

PRAYER MEETING.

At Conference last January, the teachers resolved to follow the example of the Rajahmundry Congregation and to hold prayer meeting on Wednesday in all their stations. The teachers of my district entered upon the work with might and main, and continued during the six months in evincing the same spirit. The meeting is held by turns in different members' houses. The teachers attend to the meetings, and while I'm at Tallapudi sometimes I say a few words in connection with the text selected, but generally the whole of the exercise is attended to by the teacher. A short Order of Exercise was drawn up for them, which they follow. The Tallapudi teacher generally selected the portions of Scripture from an almanac, and they were mostly from St. Paul's epistles. Latterly he dropped this and with my permission is reading the Life of Rob. Noble, the C. W. S. Missionary at Mosulipotom, and from the life of this faithful and devoted servant of the Lord, happy lessons are drawn for the edification of those present. Rev. Dietrich was present with us once, and very kindly emphasized the teacher's remarks. The prayer meetings are enjoyed by the Christians. and the heathens around are blessed with opportunities of hearing more of this Jesus and His way. May the Lord, therefore, bless this introduction to the refreshing of many, and to the building up of those who are wanting in spirituality, and may this be one of the means thro' which the Spirit will work on the hearts of the Gentiles around.

BAPTISMS.

During the last half-year I baptized two infants only. There are persons at Nundigudiem, Kurragapad, Mungapeddehempetta, Kunnaparam, Guddigudiem, Gopaulpore, Metta, Peddehem, Dommoor, Tallapudi and Mulkapilli who have applied for baptism and who for some time have been hearing the Gospel, but my experience in the past has made me cautious about receiving them into the Church. At Guddigudiem the number of Christians reached into the forties, but now there are only a few left. The others are there but have turned back to heathenism. At Gopaulpore two men applied for baptism and were examined by me and were found wanting in Christian instruction. The teacher was advised to give them instruction and they appeared disappointed at being obliged to wait. I comforted them with the promise that if they were prepared by the time I came again, they would be received into the Church. I made the next visit, but could not find the persons who were so anxious a few months previous. The teacher searched for them but they could not be found. At Guddigudiem a man always wants baptism, once a year, but never interests himself to learn anything. He makes promises to put himself under instruction and the teacher is instructed to give attention to his case, in his presence. Both nod their heads and I leave. My next visit finds no professors—only the cry to be baptized. The teacher then informs me that the man never comes for instruction. P. Peter, the Nundamur teacher, is getting a little book ready for such persons, and after it is revised and ready, every inquirer will be required to go through it, and until that is done none will be baptized. I have had sad experiences with backsliders and I believe that better and systematic instruction will secure faithful members and true followers of the Lord.

CONFIRMATIONS.

There are in all, eight adults in three villages, who are old enough to be confirmed, and although I wished to do so at Easter, it could not be done. I put the fifth part of Drs. Mann and Krotel's Catechism into Telugu, and gave it to these adults, five of whom can read, and also requested the teachers to work with them. They did so, but very little progress was made, and they are still going on with the Catechism. I hope to confirm them some time during the coming half year.

MARRIAGES.

Teacher J. Cornelius, who lost his young wife a year and six months ago, was married to a girl from Rev. Dietrich's congregation at Dowlaishwaram. The ceremony was performed at Tallapudi.

DEATHS.

The Lord removed by death one member of the Guddigudiem congregation. He had been an invalid for a long while. Twice we got him admitted as an indoor patient into the Rajahmundry Dispensary, but he never remained long enough to completely recover. He died some time after leaving the Dispensary, in his own village. His heathen brother claimed the corpse for cremation, and in spite of the protests of our teacher and the Guddigudiem Christians, he cremated the body according to Hindu rites. When the deceased man's wife died, two years ago, they then also put in claims, but with her husband on our side, we soon disposed of the body in a Christian way. The brother proposed to the teacher in this case, that the body should be divided into two parts, and one given to him for cremation, and the Christians should take the other for burial. This language was revolting and the teacher turned away.

BACKSLIDERS.

Several persons at Penkellametta, Bundapadu and Nundigudiem, have gone back to heathenism, but their names have not been struck off the lists, as we (the Church Council) have their cases under consideration, and no action has been taken as yet.

DEPARTURES.

Four persons (including one infant) have permanently left the district. Two persons and the infant were given a letter of transfer to Rev. Schmidt's congregation at Rajahmundry, and James of Peddehem absconded to Rangoon, the rendezvous of all persons who are in debt. He used to deal in hides, and borrowed sums from people who trusted him on account of the lucrative trade he was engaged in, and in a dishonorable way he fled. This is the second case where Christians have run off to Rangoon from this District.

EXCOMMUNICATION.

Y. David, whose case has long been under consideration, was finally disposed of in May last, by his being excommunicated. This was the unanimous action of the Church Council after pleading with him for five months, to separate from

his unlawful wife. In disposing of the case, consideration was made in regard to the decided position taken by his lawful wife and sons, viz.: to leave him in case he continued his relations with his unlawful wife. She was willing to leave him with her children (unlawful wife), but he would not consent. His lawful wife thereupon left his house and sought shelter elsewhere. He sees not his sin, regards not the misery he causes by having two families, but believes that setting a woman free, who can go to her lawful husband, a greater evil than any existing at present.

COMMUNIONS.

At the following places Communion was celebrated quarterly: Tallapudi, Guddigudiem and Nundigudiem. At Peddehem only one Communion was celebrated. I was there several times to hold Communion Service, but could not settle the many disputes, which increase as they are disposed of. Discord, wrath and bitterness reign. I have threatened to stop all school and congregational work in the village until matters are settled amicably. The disputes assumed their height when W. Elizabeth with her teacher, sister and brother-in-law almost killed a woman with the beating they gave her. They were imprisoned for one month in the sub-jail at Tallapudi. Permission was obtained to visit her in prison, and D. Brahmiah conducted the services in her cell. Another of the leaders (by the way, the quarrels are among the women) after fighting every other woman in her vicinity, turned her attention to the teacher and charging him with neglect in teaching her boy, she abused him. The school attendance register showed well enough that her boy was very irregular in attendance and consequently the fault did not lie with the teacher. I was several times at Metta for Communion; the Christians were always absent, being away in the Tanuku Taluq, where they have relatives. Once, only one man was at home, but I preferred coming again when all would be together. When I went again none were at home. At Mulkapilli we had the first Communion Service in the second quarter. The teacher built himself a house and we used it for the Service on that occasion. Many Malas were present, and the first Communion there will long be remembered by us. At Nundamur only one Communion Service was held. I intended going there in May, but unseen circumstances pushed me forward in a lengthy trip to the Hills, and therefore I did not meet the Nundamur and Gowripilli Christians. I was often present at Penkellametta to administer the Sacrament, but the Christians could never be got together. At one time the only man in the village was tom-toming (drumming) before an idol, and at another time he declined to be present. His intention was to sever his and his family's connection with the Church and to return to heathenism. He tried to make out a case to substantiate his conduct, viz.: that he had been invited to join the Missionary Societies and that he had been appointed to the Church Council and could not fulfil these engagements and, therefore, had to go back to heathenism! He never mentioned anything to me, nor did he communicate with me through others. The above I was privately informed. He always refused to visit me when I sent for him to talk the matter over. The truth is, he gains a few square yards of land, for which he has been contending for three years and which nobody could get for him.

The village Brahmins blindfolded the authorities and I could not procure him this land. It is now given to him by the village Brahmins on condition he forsakes Christianity. He consents, and for excuses for his conduct, selects the two already mentioned. The teacher of the place joined the Nundamuc Christians at the Lord's Table. No Communion was held at Gopaulpore as the teacher's wife is not confirmed, and there were some charges against the teacher. At Waddapilly and Kurragapad Communion was held once. As far as accessions are concerned the work in all congregations is at a standstill, but a good leaven is working, which will, the Lord willing, be attended with success and be of lasting good to the work in the district. As I have reported, the work shows better signs of life and earnestness among the established members.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

The three branches of the Missionary Society—the Men's, Women's and Children's—have prospered during the half year. Five meetings were held at the following places: Guddigudiem, Nundigudiem, Peddehem, Dommoor and Nundamur. At the Guddigudiem and Nundigudiem meetings, two heathens grew so interested as to subscribe six pices towards the funds. There are twelve branches in each department—each village has a branch. At Mulkapilli one heathen family are members. At this place, Dommoor and Gopaulpore all, or almost all, the members are heathen. A meeting was to have been held at Gopaulpore in May—but when I repaired thither I found the teacher away, having taken ill as he subsequently stated, and we could not get the children together. The Children's Missionary Society's President, L. Jeremiah, conducted the meetings at Guddigudiem, Nundigudiem and Nundamur; having business in the vicinity he was able to give some time to these objects. He and his family are members of these societies. One member of the Women's Missionary Society of Nundamur, P. Susanna, is rearing a hen for the benefit of the Society. She is the Treasurer of her Society. At Tallapudi the women have been doing needlework for the Society's benefit. The income from this source has not been added to the half year's account—it being not ready. It will be included in the account for the next half year. I attended four of the five meetings held, and we went through short programmes on those occasions. The funds of the Children's Missionary Society are to be used in helping poorly paid teachers. The members, however, are anxious to change this and turn attention to some other branch of work. The Men's and Women's branches intend applying their funds in procuring a Communion set for the Tallapudi District. We have much interest evinced in this work, and we pray that the Lord may increase and keep it up. I append detailed statements of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of the three branches.

CHURCH COUNCIL.

Following the example of the Rajahmundry congregation, a District Church Council was organized in January last. Each congregation sends one of its members to present its interests. The teachers are also members, and I am chairman. After the drawing up of a short Constitution, the members were

elected, and work commenced. Five meetings were held at the following places: Nundigudiem, Gopaulpore, Peddehem, Dommoor and Nundamur. These meetings were held in connection with the missionary meetings. The Council is directing its attention to the curing of some of the ills and evils common among the Christians; in securing lands for schools and cemeteries, and in attending to all congregational matters. I enclose a copy of its constitution and of the minutes and a statement of its account. In the distant future, we hope, by the Lord's blessing, that much good may be effected, and although we now labour under difficulties, our prayer is that the Lord may sustain us and make out of this feeble undertaking a mighty controlling and acting body in our Native Church in this District.

SCHOOL WORK.

School work during these months has prospered, except in two places. The Peddehem Night School and the Penkellametta School. The latter I closed as there were no pupils, and the number in the former has run down considerably. The work was carried on for full six months. With the exception of these, I examined all the schools every quarter, and the three I refer to, once in the half year. The results were on the whole unsatisfactory, and unless better results are shown during the coming half year, I shall have to adopt severe measures. I was obliged, owing to the bad results of the pupils, and for two other causes where discipline was necessary, to reduce the salary of Ch. Anandum, the Tallapudi teacher, from Rs. Eight to Rs. Seven, as he is on bad terms with all the Christians there, and to transfer him to Ramalapad. Whether I will be able to get another in his place I do not know. If I don't get a substistute, I suppose my course will be to close one of the schools and bring that teacher to this place, or to leave this place vacant. I divided the time of the Nundamur teacher between that village and Kovur, an important place, where there are prospects of a good future. The other new point is Ramalapad, where the Malas are concerned. I purchased a piece of land at Mulkapilli, and built a school-shed on it, which was completed towards the end of the month. The land cost, including stamps, etc.,—Rs. 6-8-0. A Mala helped us with four annas towards the shed, and he and his brother gave three posts for it. The carpentry was done by the teacher, assisted by the teacher P. Peter, who was with me at the time. A Mala at Kovur allowed the use of his cow-shed for the school in case I would supply eight annas for the leaves. I did so and the parents of the children put them on the roof. We have a grant of land from the Government in this village, and some day we hope to have our own prayer and school-house. The strong winds in May blew down the school-shed at Tallapudi, and it was removed to the land on which our church is to be built. The winds affected the roof of the Nundamur school, which was repaired for Rs. 2-2-0. The Penkellametta and Guddigudiem schools require repairs. The school and the school shed were completed in May. The former requires a bamboo fencing around it, and then all will be done in that village. From the representative of the landlord at Guddigudiem, I obtained a grant of forty-eight square yards of land for the Cemetery. I am trying for similar grants for other villages. Our schools need blackboards very badly, and I should like to get some of the

blackboards manufactured for such purposes by certain parties in Philadelphia. They will be just the thing for these schools. Through the kindness of some friends we may be able to obtain some of them. We shall be glad to receive them. My wife teaches the pupils of the Tallapudi school four branches, English, Needlework, Arithmetic and Object Lessons. I am thinking, with the consent of the Missionary Council, of asking the Head Master of the Tallapudi Jubilee (Brahmin) School, to give lessons in our School in Arithmetic and English, especially the former, which is a branch in which pupils are examined for admission to the Boarding School. Six pupils were examined for admission to that Institution, but none were found fit, especially in Arithmetic. Two of them were girls. Rev. Grönning admitted one girl, however. There are three boys and one girl only from my District in this School.

ITINERATING

I was able to spend much time in this work during this half year. Many days were spent out, and many a place was visited in the hills, and here the people declared that they had never heard of Jesus. In this tour the limit was the Nizanis Dominions, and all the way and back did no other work but declaring the message. The teachers' annual preaching trip I put off until July, as they could do no more school work in these months. In July begins the people's busy season, and their children will not attend regularly. I have appointed to each teacher a circle of eight places—two, which are batta or allowance villages, are five or more miles away, and six near the teacher's headquarters. In these villages they are to evangelize, and they are their field. Others will not be permitted to work in them. I met a man at Kunnapuram of the Gungum caste, who is a beggar by profession, and in that capacity has traveled a good deal through the Presidency. He's a man of intelligence and has some property, and is anxious to become a Christian, but wished to be assured of some employment in the Mission. He wishes to be an Evangelist, and to send his two eldest sons to Rajahmundry. One of them is in the Forest Department, drawing a salary of Rs. six, per month. His family consists of twenty persons, and from what I have learned from others he has influence among his class and caste. The Munsiff of the place gave him two acres of land to enjoy as long as he resides there, and which he will forfeit when he leaves the place or when he becomes a Christian. I pointed out to him the many passages in the Gospels where the followers of Christ are instructed to leave all and follow Him. He is willing to do all this, *i. e.* his profession, which here is a paying one, his caste, his idolatry, but wants some assurance that he will not be left destitute.

HEATHEN INFLUENCE OVER CHRISTIANS.

Yesudas and his young wife live at Peddehem. The latter has been ailing for some time, and from the treatment she received from her husband's heathen relatives, she got to believe that her late mother-in-law would also be opposed to her were she alive. She made herself believe that the evil spirit of her mother-in-law, as if such were possible, possessed her, and she would swoon and talk at random, and make it appear that the spirit made her its mouth-piece

Further, at night she would see a flame blaze up in the middle of the room, and her husband also had it pointed out to him. The remedies suggested were, prayer to be delivered from the delusion, and, if it failed, a good whipping should follow, which would certainly produce the desired effect, and the spirit would run away. The teacher who is not a believer in these things was to sleep in the room and expose the flame business. Yesudas declared that none but members of the family would see it! It was his mother's spirit which wanted to drive them out of the house, and therefore it would not appear to outsiders. The children, I noticed, took hold of these superstitions, and all through life they will bear them about with them. This is a pity. Until our people cut themselves off from heathen associations, such and like superstitions will control them. They will imbibe and assimilate their ideas and ways.

In conclusion I wish to draw attention to the fact that Hinduism is awakening to the sense of the danger it is in. Societies with objects similar to Missionary Societies are being formed; missionaries appointed to counteract the influence of Christian Missionaries; tracts are being published and circulated in the defence and favor of Hinduism; Hindu schools as opposed to Christian institutions are talked of; an interest—doubtless a pretended interest—is arising among the High Castes in favor of the lower castes, which they are now recognizing as the backbone of the country, and which, by the way, are fast becoming Christianized! All these speak not in vain. The cry is being raised, "to arms, to arms." Hinduism is going to struggle; it will not surrender without a struggle, and mind, it will be a mighty one. Therefore put on the whole armour of God, and go forth to the battle, we say. But, while we with heart and soul enter the lists, and war in the cause of the Lord Jesus, bear word to the Churches of Christ, to the Pastors, to the parents, to the children, to the Conferences, the Synods, to the General Council of America—that reinforcements are needed, and that urgently, to fill Bro. Poulsen's place; that ammunition, rations and supplies are required by us, that unless the Army of the Lord in America feels for us in sympathy; that unless our Commisariat is filled, we will go forth with enfeebled limbs, with sinking hearts, with tottering steps. Now is the time to be up and doing. May the Captain of our salvation, and in whose name we enter the field for another half year, send us victory. Amen.

F. J. McCready.

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending June 30, 1888, of the Tallapudi District. F. J. McCready, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.	Number of Communicants.	Number Communed.	Number of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.			Loss.				Number of Children.	Number of Adults.	Total number of Christains.	Compared with last half-year.		REMARKS
			Christian Children.				R	A	P	By Baptism.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By Death.	Back-Sliding.	By removing to other places.	Total.				Loss.	Gain.	
1	Bundapad	Nil	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	
2	Dommoor	K. Daniel...	....	....	...	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	
3	Gopaulpore....	J. Cornelius	.....	1	...	...	...	2	11	...	2	2	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	
4	Gowripiili	P. Peter.....	1	6	5	...	...	...	9	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	6	8	...	1	
5	Guddigudiem	P. Samuel...	.....	7	6	...	...	9	5	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	11	7	18	3	...	
6	Kurragopadu.	P. Samuel...	.....	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	...	1	
7	Metta	D. Bromiah.	.....	4	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	...	...	
8	Mulkapilli....	V. Mark.....	.....	6	2	...	...	4	3	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	3	6	9	...	5	
9	Nundamur	P. Peter... .	.....	7	7	...	2	9	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	14	...	...	
10	Nundigudiem	P. Samuel...	.....	15	12	...	1	15	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	10	15	25	1	...	
11	Peddehem.....	D. Bromiah.	1	16	8	...	2	4	8	1	2	3	...	...	9	9	15	16	31	6	...	
12	Penkellam'ta.	K. Daniel...	.....	4	1	1	1	5	3	...	2	2	...	...	2	2	5	4	9	...	...	
13	Purpavadala	P. Peter.....	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	
14	Ramanop'lem	Nil	.....	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	
15	Tallapudi	C. Anandum	.....	26	24	...	6	11	2	...	8	8	...	2	6	8	19	26	45	...	...	
16	Waddopilli....	Nil	.....	2	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	
		Total.....	2	101	69	1	16	5	2	2	23	25	1	2	22	25	74	102	176	10	10	Two adults and one child were given a letter of transfer to Rajahmundry, and one permanent move was made to Rangoon. All the other removals and accessions from other congregations were inside the field.

Semi-Annual School Report of Tallapudi District.

January 1 to June 30, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Night School.			Books Used.	REMARKS.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.		No. of Classes.		
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.			
1	Dommoor.....	K. Daniel.....	11	...	9	...	2	2	...	...	...	English First Reader, Catechism, Old Testament Stories, New Testament Stories, Dietrich's Questions for Children Geography of the Madras Presideney, Telugu See'd Book, Telugu 1st Book, Objeet Lessons, Colenson's Aritmetie, Telugu Manuseript, Genesis, Hymn Book, Chureh Book.	Deerease of 1 pupil.
2	Gopaulpore.....	J. Cornelius...	11	...	7	...	4	2	...	...	...		Deerease of 4.
3	Guddigudiem ...	P. Samuel.....	5	2	1	2	...	3	...	...	...		No school in May and June.
4	Kovur.....	P. Peter.....	14	...	14	...	...	1	...	...	...		Opened May 3d, 1888.
5	Mulkapilli	V. Mark.....	14	...	8	2	4	1	...	6	6		Inerease of 2 in Day; Night School opened in May.
6	Nundamur.....	P. Peter.....	5	2	1	2	...	2	...	.	...		Inerease of 3.
7	Nundigudiem....	P. Samuel.....	6	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...		Inerease of 1.
8	Peddehem	D. Brahmiah..	7	1	2	4	...	4	4	2	6		Deerease of 3 in Day, and 8 in Night School.
9	Penkellametta...	V. Mark..... ..	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...		Closed in April.
10	Ranalopod	Ch. Anandum	5	...	3	..	2	1	..	...	...		Opened in June.
11	Tallapudi	Ch. Anandum	17	7	7	3	...	5	11	3	14		Deerease of 2 in Day, and 7 in Night School.
		Total.....	98	14	56	16	12	...	15	11	26		

Report of the Mission School.

RAJAHMUNDRY, July 1, to Dec. 31, 1887.

The Rev. Wm. Grœnning, Missionary in Charge.

By the blessing of God we have prospered during the last six months. The vacation ending July 12, the school was then re-opened. This, however, as already reported, was somewhat later than the usual date of re-opening. The majority of the scholars were punctually on hand; yet, there were several absentees; who, being without excuse, were refused admission afterwards. The object of this refusal was to give force to a declaration which we had often made, but never put into practice before, to wit, that scholars who presented themselves too late, without good excuse for their tardiness, should not be admitted. After the school had been going on for 3 months, a boy presented himself with the plea that he had been concerned in a law-suit with his brother, and so it was impossible for him to come sooner, I heard, from other quarters, that he had been helping his brother in the work of farming. Accordingly, he was dismissed. It is very plain that instruction in the school must be very defective, if it be suspended by an absence that runs on for months. All Missionaries are more or less perplexed with the problem of ascertaining the best means for training the children in regular habits. This matter has often engaged our attention in our Missionary Council. We cannot demand a sum of money or precious jewels to be placed in our hands as a guaranty for the regular attendance of the children, because the straitened circumstances of the parents make such a pledge impossible. As to written obligations, and documentary promises, the Hindoos do not attach much importance to them. This is specially so when Missionaries are concerned; because they expect the Missionaries to forgive all their offences and delinquences upon the principle of Christian love. Yet, they have no idea of the value of a Christian training.

After long and careful consideration we have resolved, henceforth, to demand, at the opening of the school year, from every scholar, one Rupee, as a kind of guaranty; and to refuse admission to any one who does not produce it. The scholars can, very easily, if need be, earn this Rupee by their labor during the vacation. As long as the children are in the school this money is placed to their credit. Then, if having been regular and studious, they finish their course with honor, or get married, on which occasion, it is well known, the Hindoo always goes to lavish expenditures, this Rupee is returned to them, with the addition of 50 per cent. interest. On the other hand, if the scholar does not conduct himself properly, or if he is absent without excuse, or if he has to be dismissed, for any cause, &c. &c., the Rupee is retained as the property of the Mission School itself. Even in this way something may be done to support the school.

B. Helena, who had previously been a day-scholar, was received into our boarding-house, when her father, who had been a teacher in our Mission, moved to Korokunda. Another girl, who had been brought in by Missionary Schmidt, disappeared after a few days, because "she was afraid we might do her some harm,"—this shows what a strange idea these people still have of the boarding-school. Kedasy Cyrus was dismissed. His capacity was very ordinary, and he was afflicted with infirmity of eyesight; yet, I did not dismiss him for this reason alone. His uncle, a heathen, took him to Dowlaishwaram, for the purpose of joining him in a kind of heathen religious ceremony, which I, of course, forbade. Shortly after this the boy disappeared, about 6 o'clock, p.m. We looked for him everywhere with lighted lamps, and the next morning, sent out the boat to hunt him up. To make the story short, he had run off, apparently under the influence of his uncle, to whom I said, that he might keep the boy, as we had no use for him.

We have among our boarders, a well-grown youth, Cornelius, of good manners, studious and docile. A short time ago he had an attack of rheumatism, so severe, that he had to have leave of absence, until he should recover. Perhaps, I myself have to bear some blame for this sickness. Formerly, the children were supplied with woollen bed-clothes, during the cool season. I thought that it would be well to harden the children, so to say, and also, that it was my duty to be economical; so, I did not give them woollen coverings, and it is possible that during some cool night, Cornelius may have contracted his rheumatism. Otherwise, the sanitary condition of the school has been quite satisfactory. Every day the children bathe in the Godavery, under the watchful care of a teacher. The only disease that appeared was Scabies, and of this there were only a few cases, of short duration. If we had money enough to furnish our children with soap, this disagreeable affection would hardly ever occur. When the children beg for soap, as they usually do, upon going to bathe, I tell them to cover themselves with mud, rubbing it well in, and then to wash it off carefully. If this is not all that the health of the skin demands, it is at least, something in that direction. A little boy, V. Varannah, not yet baptized, whose heathen father, however, desires baptism, and is now under preparatory instruction, has been admitted to the boarding-house. In consideration of this, his father, who is cook for a Christian Professor in the College, pays 1 Rupee per month. Another well-grown youth, of Caste, K. Ratnam, of Patzwada, whose father is dead, his mother gone off somewhere, begged to be received into the boarding-house. This was granted him, for the present, although he is not yet baptized. He seems to be of an enquiring mind; but so far, knows very little; for he has to begin with the alphabet. I would not have received him if he had not been without a home.

So, after all additions and abstractions, the number of scholars is 95, divided off into four classes, and one alphabet class, as follows: —I Class, 17; II Class, 38; III Class, 13; IV Class, 2; Alphabet Class, 25. This was the number in December. It was somewhat reduced after August, when it

had reached 104. Among these were several children from the city, one from the Theistic High School, one Mohammedan, and several others. As soon as these scholars came to see that we attached the chief importance to the teaching of religion, they left us; which was, in truth, no great loss. Two girls, of the highest Class, had to leave the school, because they were the occasion of unpleasant reports. Besides, several Christian families moved away from Rajahmundry; and this took several children from the school.

Here I may notice the circumstances that *almost* led to a considerable enlargement in the character and work of our Mission School.

One of the high schools in this city was on the point of being closed finally; when the teachers themselves begged me to undertake to carry it on. I did not want to have a second school by the side of the Mission School. That would have required a double teaching force, and would have doubled the expense. Besides, as the new school was not a Christian school, but had yet to be Christianized, this would have led to a kind of dualism in our school-work. So, I proposed to these teachers to unite all the classes of their school, except the IV Class, with ours. I obligated myself to secure competent teachers, who, not depending upon our funds, would obtain their support from the fees of the high-school; and I hoped, with the help of God, to be able to prepare the scholars for the government examination. This arrangement would have been of great advantage to our school. However, I insisted upon instruction in the Bible, and in the Catechism, as indispensable features of the school, and this did not seem to be agreeable to these people; and yet it looked as if they might yield the point. Finally, in accordance with the wishes of the teachers, the matter was reduced to the question, whether, instead of making their support to depend upon the tuition fees of the high-school, I would agree to pay them a certain definite salary out of our Mission treasury. This I could not do, because of the lack of money in our treasury: and I would not do it, because, then I could not depend upon the influence of the teacher to attach the scholars to our school; which however, would be likely to be very decided as long as the salary of the teacher depended upon the fees of tuition. Here we might have had a fine opportunity to bring the Word of God to bear directly upon the minds of a goodly number of young Brahmins. But, such seems, at first, not to have been the will of God; at least, He has not yet put the means of doing it in our hands.

I have already stated, that most of the teachers in the Mission School have not the ability to teach which they should have. But as the Committee have not yet instructed me what to do in the case, I have undertaken to appeal to Tranquebar and Madras, for the assistance of some Christian teacher who has been graduated as *B.A.*, or at least as *F.A.* A teacher of this grade would require higher pay than we have hitherto been giving, but would, at the same time, largely increase the income of the school. I have, as a beginning, only asked the assistance of such a teacher for one year, so that the arrangement may be abandoned in case the Committee

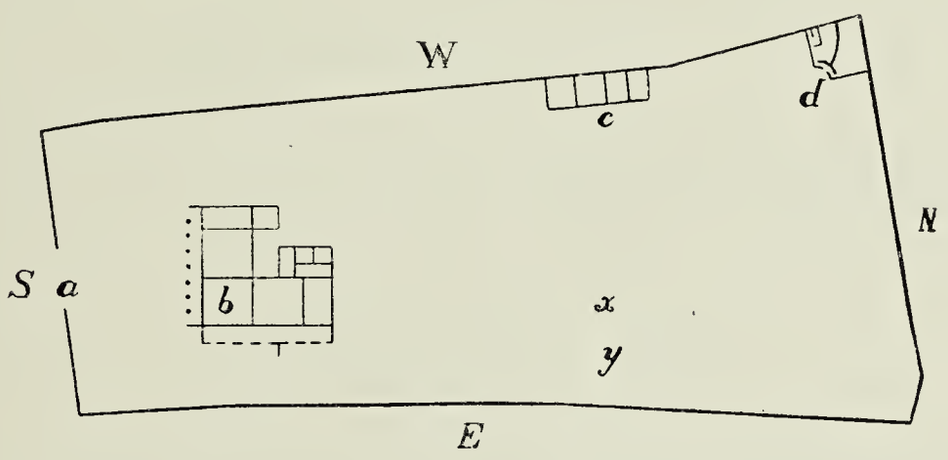
should not approve of it. The Brahmin who has been engaged to give instruction in Telugu, to the two higher classes, does not meet his obligations. One day I found him sound asleep in the presence of his school, the scholars having nothing at all to do. Of course, I tried to explain things to him; but, in truth, we could hardly ask more of the man, for 6 Rupees a month. We might already have employed a Brahmin of good character, apt to teach, and favorably disposed towards Christianity; but he has been getting 25 Rupees a month, in other schools, and so, we could not expect him to come to us.

Next year, I expect to have to give up two of the teachers, Alfred and Sriramulu. Alfred is a very earnest Christian, attractive in manners, and I esteem him highly. But he is a poor disciplinarian, and a poor teacher. He reads much to the children, but gives no explanation, and for the reason that he does not understand the subject himself. Sriramulu means well, but he cannot keep his classes in order. The children do whatever they please, confusion prevails, the command of the teacher is not regarded, the punishments he sometimes inflicts are of no account, and the school makes no progress whatever. This matter has given me very much concern, specially, because the children themselves are begging for another teacher. I have consulted the other Missionaries in regard to it, and it seems as if the only thing to be done now, was the appointment of another teacher who may bid fair to do better work. God willing, we might find Jacob Malakshmi to be a good and competent teacher. He is now studying in College, and is about to make his examination for the degree *F. A.* He has been supported by our Mission, so far, and therefore is under a certain obligation to render service to the Mission.

The repairs of the school-house, authorized by the Committee, have been attended to. The wall around the compound is finished; and certain changes, such as the removal of old, unsightly buildings or sheds, the proper grading of the ground, etc., have been completed. In order to save money, I, now and then, put the children themselves to work with picks and shovels and baskets: and so, we have in our own compound, an admirable place for athletic games and sports. When the work was done, I gave the children, by way of reward, at my own expense, a short excursion, which they enjoyed quite royally. I have also, at my private cost, got from Germany, several arrangements and fixtures of value in gymnastics: and I hope, God willing, to enlarge and improve this branch of instruction, because it may prove to be so useful in the bodily development of the children. We are now building a small house in the compound, which, when finished, will be occupied by a teacher, who at the same time, will have the general superintendence of the grounds. Near the school, with the help of the children, garden-beds have been laid out and the cultivation of cocoa-palms has begun; and so, we expect that in a short time the impression made by the sight of our school will be a very pleasant one. Now we ought to have a well, in fact, a well is greatly needed; but as we have no money to pay for the work, it has to be postponed. I would have paid for it out of my own pocket; but

as I myself have received no pay for 4 months again, the convenient opportunity, has passed away. The erection of a building for the care of the sick, though approved of long ago, has not yet been begun, on account of the lack of funds; and for the same reason the enlargement of the boarding-house, though advised by the Mission Council, and approved by the Committee as most desirable, could not be undertaken.

The following diagram will show the shape and general arrangement of the School-compound:



a, the Entrance; *b*, the School-house; *c*, the Teacher's House; *d*, Out-buildings; *x*, Mud-houses; *y*, Stable.

Along the east side is the public highway, and on the south and west are the ordinary city streets.

As to the instruction itself, that has been managed simply according to the old, appoved way. The same branches of study have engaged attention, as formerly. Next year it is proposed to introduce a portion of Physics, and also of Church History. I have already, at my own cost, ordered certain apparatus for instruction in Physics, from Germany. Occasionally, children come to school with strange, complicated questions about the Bible; chiefly of a philosophical, or problematical nature. I generally answer them: "every thing in its time, so, let us take an evening of the week to answer such questions, as may be put into the question-box, on the veranda of our house." I have, now and then, gone out in company with some whom we call our "big boarders," to preach among the heathen, so that we may together learn how such work has to be performed.

I have received, from my father, Pastor Grœnning, in Ballum, Schleswig, 200 Rupees, a contribution towards the repairs of the Mission School, also from Thomas Hanson, sent by my brother, Pastor Grœnning, of Nordstrand, 4 Rupees, and from my brother, as his own contribution, $7\frac{1}{2}$ Rupees. All these monies have been passed over to our Treasurer, Missionary Dietrich.

Having taken council with Messrs. Schmidt and Dietrich, I have concluded to discontinue the school during the months of January and February. Money is so scarce, and our Treasurer is so heavily pressed, that this measure seemed to be necessary. The salary of the teachers runs on all the time, even during the vacation; but then, we are at no expense for the support of the boarding-house; and as this discontinuance for the two months is closely connected with the Christmas holidays, the people will not be likely to take much notice of it.

And now, may the Lord our God over-rule all for the best, and grant us the blessed privilege of training many competent teachers in our school, who shall be both willing and able to establish and extend His kingdom among the heathen!

WM. GRŒNNING,
Superintendent of Schools.

(NOTE.—The English translation of Mr. Grœnning's Report was kindly made by the Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer.)

JAN. TO JUNE 30, 1888.

We can look back over the last half-year with hearty thanks to God for all His goodness and grace. The school has not indeed grown outwardly, but internally there has been encouraging progress. The scholars learn cheerfully and a good spirit of order prevails among them. The teachers have performed their labors with fidelity and willingly, and they also believe that the scholars have advanced.

Contrary to our usual custom the scholars had a vacation in January and February last. Our moneys were low, the Treasurer, however willing, was unable to furnish funds, so that I thought best to use the opportunity of the vacation to make a short visit to the Schleswig-Holstein Missionaries at Salar and Jeypur.

On the First of May the school was opened again. Each scholar was required to pay a rupee, as a sort of guarantee, before he was admitted. The scholars came irregularly, stayed away for a half-year or a year, came again when it suited them, and in the meantime naturally had forgotten everything, and were a great hindrance to progress in the instruction. It was therefore determined to require each scholar to pay a rupee annually, which in case of regular attendance and diligence was to be repaid at the end of the year with one-half added; but in case of much irregularity, disorder or neglect, was to be retained. As this arrangement was new, difficulties were met, and a few children did not return; the others brought their rupees and got receipts for them.

As announced in the last report, it was expected that a fifth class would be added this year, but unfortunately, we were not able to do it. The first and greatest difficulty was that we could not secure a suitable teacher. I took

inconceivable pains to get one. I wrote to the Leipzig Mission at Tranquebar, the Church Society's Mission at Masulipatam, to that of the Free Scotch Church at Madras, but from all I got the same answer, of heathen teachers plenty but Christians not to be had. Only one Christian Bachelor of Arts, a Brahmin, who taught for a time in the school at Guntur, offered his services, but he demanded a salary of 120 rupees a month, $486 a year. It was said that he would really be worth that sum, but I had not the money and could not assume the responsibility of placing such a burden on the Mission treasury. It gives constant pain to see how much other Missions pay for good teachers, while the means are lacking in our case. At Vizagapatam the Head Master receives 175 rupees ($59.) a month, and the Guntur Mission, the Church Miss. Soc., the Free Church Soc., and the Baptist, all pay far more than we do. Should not the friends of our Mission in America, in consideration of the higher education of our Christians furnish enlarged means to secure good teachers? I know many schools in which the moneys expended but slightly benefit Christians, but are used for the advantage chiefly of heathen, of Brahmins, hostile to the Gospel. But we have only Christians in our school, or at least not more than two or three per cent. of our scholars are heathen, and yet we are so constrained in our work for want of means. It was not of much importance that the Fifth Class should be opened this year, as there were only two scholars prepared to enter: but next year there will be about twelve boys ready to enter it. In the meantime, one of the two boys remained in the Fourth Class, the other, Paradasi, was made teacher in the lowest class in our school, where one was wanted and I had no other. He is still young and inexperienced, but has a willing mind and we hope that he will in time become fitted. We were grateful that we secured as teacher for our school Jacob Malakshmi, one of our Christian boys, who at the opening of the year passed his examination as F. A. at Rajahmundry College. But he earnestly begs to be allowed next year to return to College in order to make the examination for B. A. It was with the greatest difficulty that I got him for this year for our school. With the help of God he will become a useful teacher in future. We lost a faithful teacher in the death of Alfred. Since April he has failed, but toward the last he became like a skeleton and on June 8th he died in cheerful trust in Christ. As he gave the religious instruction in the lower two classes, his loss will be sorely felt. There are very few teachers to be found who can give religious instruction. It is a striking fact that even Christian teachers greatly prefer to give instruction in secular branches than in the subject of religion. It may be owing in part to the fact that we have no satisfactory text-books in this branch. It is to be hoped that our press may in time be of service in this direction.

Instead of the Brahmin Perayya, we succeeded in getting the Brahmin Pundit Subbarayudu, who gives instruction only to the highest class, and whose attainments and work are of a much higher order than those of Perayya. He is also favorably disposed to Christianity and well informed in Biblical History, but I would not venture to hope for his coming over to us: the spirit of caste is still too strong in India.

The promotions this time again showed that many were not prepared to attain the grade of the classes, which is constantly growing more fixed in its requirements, and the promotions were fewer than was expected, especially in the lower classes. It may be said in extenuation that we had not a sufficiency of competent instruction, and also that the standard set is sufficiently high. Except in English, which is and will remain of less importance in our school, the grade of the several classes will compare favorably with that of the Government schools, especially in Geometry, Algebra and Physics. What we lack in English is made up by our instruction in religion, which is excluded from the Government schools. For Chemistry and Physics, I procured at my own expense from Germany apparatus and illustrations, as well as tools and patterns for such boys as wish to occupy their free hours in wood-sawing and carving.

Some new school-books have been introduced. The children cannot provide them for themselves. We greatly need a number of good school text-books in the English language for the use of the teachers. Could the Committee send us such or authorize me to purchase them? We need them for Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra, Physics, Geography and above all for religious instruction. It would be very serviceable if we had a small school library out of which the teachers could take such books. In the two highest classes which are to be formed hereafter, one next year, instruction is to be given in Biblical Introduction, Church History, Dogmatics, Symbolics and a little Exegesis, and we entirely lack English text-books, while my German ones are useless to the teachers. Surely many an English clergyman in America could readily relieve us out of his abundance, if the Reverend Committee were to apply to them personally and not merely in general through the missiouary papers.

During the last half-year I have tried to make the recitations only three-fourths of an hour in length so that we have 42 recitations instead of 32 hours, weekly. It was thought that by this arrangement the children would be less wearied, and we have found the change acceptable. [A schedule of the branches taught in each class accompanies the report.] This schedule shows that distinct theological studies will be pursued only in the highest two classes still to be formed. May the good Lord provide suitable teachers when they are needed.

The attendance of the scholars was in general regular. The parents do not even yet realize the value of the instruction. It is lamentable that the Brahmins alone of the heathen appreciate the value of education, and thereby have secured their power, and will hold it until the Christians and lower castes come to see its value.

Eleven boys and two girls from the Districts applied for admission into the Boarding-house, but as they must by our rule be prepared to enter the second class, only one boy could pass the examination, and one girl was received, as the rule does not apply to them. It will perhaps be necessary to abate this demand as the District schools are seldom able to prepare them for entry. Several heathen boys, one of them from a High School, applied for admission, but when they found that one of our chief aims was to impart religious instruction, they soon left. Some East Indians (persons of mixed European and Telugu race) applied for the admission of their children, but when I explained

that our work was to train teachers to assist in spreading the Gospel in villages, they withdrew, as what they wished for was an English training to enable their sons to obtain appointments under the government.

The health of the scholars was, in general satisfactory. One case of cholera occured, but resulted favorably. Some suffered from fever, and we greatly felt the want of a sick-room, which we have not as yet had the means to provide.

Instruction in sewing has been continued by Mrs. Grönning with the boys as well as the girls; the latter learn to knit and crochet as well as to sew; the boys spend two hours a week in attending to their own clothes, which they seem pleased to do.

Several extra hours were devoted each week to the religious instruction of the teachers. The Bible history of the Old Testament has been completed in MS., and I hope that our press will soon be enabled to begin printing.

Evening prayer was held daily in the veranda of the Mission House, and there was connected with it the answering of the questions placed in a box for the purpose. A Scripture lesson is read first and the children questioned on it, followed by prayer. Then each one is allowed to ask questions which are discussed. At the close nearly always some one asks for medicine.

On Sunday, at two P. M., we have had a Sunday School, but it is of no great service, as it is attended almost entirely by the scholars of the Boarding Houses, who all receive regular religious instruction in our School, and who also attend service in church twice each Sunday; the Sunday School is therefore of but secondary value.

The repairs and additions to the Mission School-house have been continued and their completion draws nigh. Two new rooms were built, the enclosing wall has been finished, but the roof has not yet been put in place, but probably, the end of the year will see all done.

From Germany considerable contributions have been received from friends and relatives, who in return ask only to have the *Missions-Bote* and *Foreign Missionary* sent them. The gifts thus received during the last half-year are from Rev. C. W. Groenning, at Ballum, $234.00; Chr. Thomsen, $4.72; Helene, $2.56; the Girls' Soc., at Hamm near Hamburg, $3.33; Pastor Schetelig, at Horn, Hamburg, $50.62; Pastor John Groenning, Nordstrund, $3.41; Pastor Tondesen Hoptrup, N. Schleswig, $5.97; Total, $304.61. My father-in-law, Val. Lor. Meyer, in Hamburg, sent us colored Bible pictures for our stereopticon. The Lord reward the givers and bless their gifts to the advancement of His Kingdom.

Wm. Grœnning,

Superintendent of Schools.

(Note. Mr. Grœnning's Report was kindly translated into English by the Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker.)

MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
James	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S., Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Gonegudiem	Trinity S. S., Reading, Pa.
J. John Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German,) Philadelphia.
J. Dan. Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis S. S., Philadephia.
An Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J. McCready Mis.Soc , Lehighton, Pa.
P. Peter	Dummoor District	F. Bursham, Ind.
A Teacher	Tallapudi District	Rev. A Norrborn, Knoxville, Ill.
D. Broomiah	Tallapudi District	1st Lutheran Ch. S. S., Columbus, O.

LIST OF SCHOLARS–JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30, 1888.

BOARDING SCHOLARS. A.—BOYS.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	C. Joseph	IV.	18	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's. N. Y.
2	P. R. Mark	"	15	T. G. Wagner's Class, Zions', Rochester, N.Y.
3	C. Benjamin	"	15	Trinity Sunday-school, Lancaster, Pa.
4	M. Devadas	"	14	Holy Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
5	M. Daniel	"	14	St. Michael's, S. S., Germantown, Pa.
6	A. Jacob	"	14	Transfiguration S. S., Pottstown, Pa.
7	E. James	"	21	St. Mark's S. S., N. Y.
8	P. Meshek	III.	21	St. Luke's S. S., Philadelphia.
9	R. Samuel	"	14	Zions' Ger. Luth. S. S., Easton, Pa.
10	T. Solomon	"	14	Miss. Soc., St. Peter's S. S., S. Bethlehem.
11	K. Theophilus	"	13	Pastor Schetelig, S.S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
12	T. Matthew	"	14	" " Y. M. Soc , Hamm, " "
13	A. Benjamin	"	17	Mission Band, Zion's Ch., Greensburg, Pa.
14	P. Nathaniel	"	14	Friedens Church S. S., Myerstown, Pa.
15	M. Alexander	"	14	Zion's S. S., Wilmington, Del.
16	A. Daniel	"	22	Bethlehem S. S., Washington Co., Pa.
17	K. Nagana	"	21	Grace S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
18	R. Thomas	"	15	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
19	A. Boschanam	II.	13	Miss Magdalena C. Merkle, Tidioute, Pa.
20	S. Lazarus	"	14	Turbotville Charge, Pa.
21	N. Benjamin	"	17	Miss. Soc., Solomon's Church, Macungie, Pa.
22	P. Stephen	"	17	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
23	K. Gabriel	"	10	St. Mark's S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
24	M. Abraham	"	14	Father Heyer, Miss. Soc. Theol. Sem., Phila.
25	M. Samuel	"	15	Charles Henry Heinitsch Scholarship.
26	D. Mamayah.	"	19	Rehoboth & Crow's Run S.S., Beaver Co., Pa.
27	B. Benjamin	"	17	Telugu Class, St. Mark's, Philada.
28	T. Joseph	"	19	Salem S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
29	K. Johanu	"	19	Rev. J. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.
30	S. Prakasham	"	13	Mrs. Kinzelman, Middle Village, L. ..
31	R. Yesudasu	"	14	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
32	T. Jacob	"	13	Eng. Luth. S. S., Williamsport, Pa.
33	J. Cornelius	"	13	Ungdoms Ver. Aug. Swed. Ch., Minneapolis.
34	Y. Benjamin	"	10	Zelienople S. S., Pa.
35	G. Lazar	"	14	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
36	P. David	"	14	S. S. 1st English Luth. Ch., Pittsburg, Pa.
37	A. Devadasu	"	11	St. Stephen's, Phila., Artman Scholarship.
38	G. Isak	"	19	E. R. Lichtenwalner, Miss.Soc., Macungie, Pa.
39	P. Gabriel	"	12	Pastor Schetelig, S.S., Hamm; Hamburg, Ger.
40	V. Joseph	"	10	Miss Nora C. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
41	B. Narayanaswami	I.	9	Pastor Schetelig, Y. M. Soc., Hamm, Hamburg.

B.—Girls.

No.	NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	H. Ruth	II.	12	Infant Sch'l, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
2	A. Naomi	"	11	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
3	B. Helena	"	10	Pastor Sehetelig, S.S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
4	G. Elizabeth	I.	10	Mrs Birnbaum, Philadelphia.
5	A. Shantammah	"	7	Mrs. Hoats, Allentown, Pa.
6	G. Martha	"	8	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa,
7	A. Rahelu	"	9	Gertie and Katie Bender, Jonestown, Pa.
8	S. Martha	"	11	Helpers, Grace Chureh, Lancaster, Pa.
9	AnneMaurer (H.Ratnammah)	Alphab.	7	Miss Clara Graeff, Germantown, Pa.
10	K. Emilia	"	8	Busy Bees, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
11	C. Sattyavatti	"	7	Sunday-school, Zions', Easton, Pa.
12	Y. Sattyavatti	"	6	Miss Klingler, St. Peter's, New York.

There are also 17 boys and 15 girls who attend the Mission School as day scholars. In examining the list of scholars supported in the Mission School, as it was made out July, 1888, as given above, we find that, at that time, there were no scholars who could be assigned to the following persons or schools who have furnished support, and to whom the first new pupils entering will be assigned: Mrs. H. G. Sterling, Philadelphia; Sunday-school, Saegerstown, Pa., both Boys; and the Infant School of St. John's, Easton, Pa.; Mrs. Harkness and daughters, Philadelphia, Girls. The Mission League, Baden, Beaver Co., Pa.. Rev. R. M. Smith, pastor, offered support for a boy, and one was assigned it, but had already been assigned by Mr. Grœnning to another; this vacancy will be filled as soon as possible. The Sunday-school class of Mr. C. G. Winkler, of Erie, Pa., also offered support for a girl as soon as one can be assigned. Enquiries have been made by several others about cost, etc., but final answers have not yet been received. Among the teachers supported, Alfred, who was very useful in the Mission School, died in June, and another will be assigned to the Ladies' Mission Society, Mulberry, Ind., by whom he was supported. The Sunday-school of Trinity Church, New York, has agreed to contribute $120 a year for the support of a higher teacher in the Mission School. A few changes have been made in the scholars assigned, because Mr. Grœnning found cause therefor.

Numerical Return of the Artman Mohammedan Poor Girls' School, Rajahmundry, for the month of July, 1887.

	Lower Primary School.	Total.	Names of teachers who have left.	Standards.	Cause of leaving.
Number remaining on June 30th, 1887	27	27	Chatta Bell...	II	Not in the town.
Admitted since	1	1	Mohodin Bell	I	
Left since	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Number remaining on July 31st, 1887	26	26	.....	.....	.....
Average number on the rolls	27	27	.....	.....	.....
Average daily attendance	22	22	.....	.....	.....
Average daily absentees	5	5	.....	.....	.....
Per centage of daily absentees	18	18	.....	.....	.....

Return of Receipts and Expenditures of the Artman Mohammedan Poor Girls' School, Rajahmundry, for the month of July, 1887.

Fees and other Receipts, etc.	Receipts. Number on the Rolls. At the end of previous month. Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.	Left in the month. Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.	Admitted in the month. Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.	Expenditures. Names of Teachers.	Standards under Instruction.	Amount of Salary Contributed by the Manager. R.	A.	P.	Amount of Grant drawn from the Government. R.	A.	P.
Lower Primary School. II Standard	...	...	6	...	...	1	..	...	....	Aftah Begum Sabito	II	4	0	0	2	0	0
Lower Primary School. I Standard	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...		I						
Lower Primary School. Infants'	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	1		Inft						
Total	...	...	27	...	...	2	...	...	1	.....	.....	4	0	0	2	0	0

Numerical Return of the Artman Mohammedan Boys' School, Rajahmundry, for the month of July, 1887.

	Middle School.	Upper Primary School.	Lower Primary School.	Total.	Names of boys who have left.	Standards.	Cause of leaving.
No. remaining June 30th, 1887...	4	5	29	38	Mohd. Bakur.....	V.	Not known.
Admitted since.....	...	.....	6	6			
Left since.....	1	.....	4	5	Masood Ali Shah.....	II.	Very sick.
No. remaining July 31st. 1887...	3	5	31	39			
Average number on the Rolls....	3	5	31	39	Mohd. Ibrahim. }	I.	Not in the town.
Average daily attendance.....	3	4	21	28	Moula Baig. }		
Average daily absentees.....	...	1	10	11			
Percentage of daily absentees....	5	20	31	...	Dawood Ali Baig.....	Infant.	Discontinued.

Return of Receipts and Expenditures of the Artman Mohammedan Boys' School, Rajahmundry, for the month of July, 1887.

FEES AND OTHER RECEIPTS, ETC.	Receipts.															Expenditures.					
	No. on the Rolls									Rate of Fees.	Amount Collected.					NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Grade or Certificate of Teacher.	Standards under Instruction.	Amount of Salary Contributed by the Manager.		
	At the end of previous month.			Left in the month.			Admitted in the month.				Ordinary fees.			Entrance fees, etc.							
	Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.	Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.	Paying full fees.	Paying half fees.	Free scholars.												
Middle School, V Standard	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	12 As.	2	4	...	...	...	...	Shaik Daud	Matric	V, IV.	10	...	...
Upper Primary School, IV Standard	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8 "	2	8	...	...	...	...	Md. Fukruddin	M. S. 2d Class	III, II.	6	...	...
Lower Primary School, III Standard	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 "	1	8	...	...	...	...	Azgur Hussain	S. U. P.	II, I.	5	...	...
Lower Primary School, II "	...	6	.	...	1	...	...	...	...	3 "	...	15	...	...	...	...	Mir Mohd. Raza	Nil	I & Infant	4	...	...
Lower Primary School, I "	...	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2 "	...	10	...	...	...	...						
Lower Primary School, Infant	...	10	...	...	1	...	...	6	...	1 "	...	15	...	...	6	...						
Total	...	38	...	...	5	...	...	6	...		8	12	...	...	6	...						

REPORT ON THE MOHAMMEDAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

April 21, 1888 Mr. McCready tendered me the oversight of this School. I consented to accept it from June 1st. He transferred to me 100 Rupees, $33.75, as contributions from Mrs. Artman and other friends of the school. Since June 1st, I have had many conferences with the Mohammedans about this School. There rules in the school what they call "Goscha," that is, the female teachers dare never be seen by men, including myself. In the Mohammedan Schools at Ellore, Guntur, etc., nothing is known of this Goscha. These men instruct the girls and boys, and they sit together in the mixed schools, as I myself saw, and the female teachers allow themselves to be seen anywhere. Since the Goscha prevents all oversight, and therefore all progress, I closed the School until the Mohammedans are ready to abolish Goscha. The chief reason for this step is, that while Goscha continues, no religious instruction can be given. So long as I cannot examine into the instruction and conduct of the School, whatever will may occur behind the walls and curtains, and the one duped will always be the Missionary. Mr. McCready had successfully abolished Goscha in the case of the small children. Another pressing reason was, that at present no suitable teachers, male or female, could be found. I sought them from Ellore, Guntur, and in our District, without success. It would be waste of money to continue them without supervision, and without competent teachers. We hope that this crisis will result in advantage to all concerned, and that next time I may have a more encouraging report to make.

WM. GRŒNNING.

CASTE GIRLS' SCHOOL REPORT, 1887.

The Caste Girls' School has been carried on this year as usual. with the same two teachers, Venkata Ratnam as principal teacher, and Mallakarjamundu, for the smallest children. The number of pupils has also remained about the same as last year. We opened the school in January, 1887, with 41 pupils and closed on the 21st of December, with 40. During the year 24 children left the school; 6 went away to different places; 6 went to the Maharajaho school, and others were grown up, or could not be spared from work at home.

The pupils that have remained in school for some time have done fairly well, but we have now a large number of little beginners, and expect that several of the larger girls will soon be taken from the school by their parents, who show but little interest in the education of their girls, and often prefer their help at home. However, it is a pleasure to see these bright, happy little girls, who are willing and able to learn. They have lately shown a deeper interest in Biblical lessons, and the questions they ask, show that they think of what they hear about the true God and Saviour.

The attendance leaves much to be desired, the many festivals, weddings and visits to other places, are great interruptions, and hinder the progress of the girls to a great extent.

The Christmas tree on the 22d of December, gathered the full number of pupils—about 50—with the latest arrivals, who will not be added to the roll before they show some steadiness in their attendance. Some former scholars, the parents and relatives, and some European and Eurasian friends, were also present. Rev. Dietrich made an address in Telugu. Mrs. Hamnett, the collector's wife, gave to the best girls some prizes, consisting of New Testaments, hymn books, and other school books, and each child received gifts, and all were happy.

The Women's Missionary Societies of St. Mark's and St. John's, Philadelphia, have also this year supported this school. The expenses have been 236 Rs.

January—June 30, 1888.

This school has been carried on from the beginning of 1888 as heretofore. When it opened, Jan. 9th, 43 children were on the roll, 19 of whom have left, as several of them had reached the age when the parents think it improper that they should attend school any longer, though, according to our idea, they had just come so far in their learning as to get on well. During the same period 23 children were admitted, making the number of scholars 47.

The school was closed for the Summer vacation May 1st, and re-opened June 11th.

G. Schmidt.

The Annual Meeting of the Conference, Jan. 1888.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Rajahmundry.

At the present state of our Conference my Annual Report can hardly be anything but a statement of ministerial acts, and will therefore rather be a Semi-annual Report. But, in connection therewith, I beg to call the attentention of Conference to a few points of general interest.

Ministerial Acts.

During the last half year I was privileged to pursue my work without interruption by sickness or other causes. I preached in Rajahmundry generally on Sunday morning, whilst Ratnam and James preached by turns in the evening.

The Wednesday Prayer-meeting was held in turn at the houses of the Christians, and every one seems to be glad when his turn comes again to have the meeting. However, since of late, several attend only the meeting at their own house.

The interest in the congregation and the Panchayet (Church Council), seems also to be less than in the beginning. The members evidently think that the affairs of the congregation are safest in the hands of the Missionaries. Except for this lack of independence and activity nothing serious to complain of has occurred. One family which had been excommunicated for some time left this town, and ceased thereby to be a cause of offence.

It deserves to be mentioned that our town is honored by having three Native Christian Masters in the Government College, and although they are not members of our Church, (they belong to the Church of England) still their presence in this place, and their work in the College, must, at least indirectly, assist our Mission.

In Rajahmundry I baptized ten persons during this half year, and buried one. Two other Christians died during my absence in the District, and were buried by Rev. Dietrich. The Lord's Supper was administered to sixty persons. I traveled fifty-seven days in the District.

In the Korukonda District

are several people who desire to be baptized, but, as we have no teachers to place there, I deem it not advisable to admit them into our Church before they can come under the regular influence of the gospel. I only baptized one child: and one man, alas, went back to heathenism.

B. John has attended to his school in Gonegudiem, and the work in Korukonda looks promising. The Grœnnings also, spent a few days with us there in November, which made a good impression upon the people.

The Velpur District

shows good signs of prosperity. The number of Christians increases rapidly, but many must be left without regular preaching of the Gospel for want of preachers and teachers. There are forty-four Christian villages, but only twenty teachers. Our effort to secure a building site for the proposed church has thus far been in vain. At a desirable location is land for sale, but they will not sell it to a Christian.

Church Building.

But also the Christians themselves have failed to contribute for this purpose, although a good many in the Velpur District have subscribed. Only one single Rupee has been received for that purpose from Native Christians in Tallapudi. However, it is expected that the Christians in the Velpur District will be able to fulfill their promise in the new year, as the harvest seems to be good.

A Tract Colporteur

has been employed by the kindness of Sir Arthur Cotton, who pays his salary. He not only started the extensive irrigation works in this part of India, but also takes a great interest in the spiritual welfare of the people in this District, even now in his old age.

Telugu Newspaper.

It has been under consideration to issue a Telugu newsqaper from our printing press. The Missionaries were of the opinion that it should be a cheap paper at about one Pice each a copy. This would be a proper matter of consideration for the Conference, and if it should be found desirable, I would propose that the Conference elect two Christian Telugu scholars, if possible, at Rajahmundry as assistant editors. Matters of consideration would further be, what such a paper should contain, and how it can be distributed and sold most advantageously.

Congregational Contributions.

The different reports contain some items of congregational contributions. As yet, I myself have reported none, because I believe the reports have been misleading. Our Conference ought to consider this matter and take some steps to regulate it. If the contributions shall be left to each District, the congregations of that District ought to have a treasurer to manage these affairs. But if it shall be left to each congregation, that body ought to have an organization of some kind to manage money matters properly.

For the teachers' contributions the whole Conference has one treasurer, at present, Rev. W. Grœnning.

The school fees, also, ought to be paid somewhere and for some purpose. And the congregational contributions ought also to be accounted for.

Whether we as a Church shall leave it to every one as he likes, or whether we shall have a systematic form of benevolence, ought to be considered by the Conference. We have as yet no properly constituted congregations, not even in Rajahmundry, and until we get a constitution, we ought to make provision for the proper management of our finances.

H. C. Schmidt.

Minutes.

Rajahmundry, January 2, 1888.

The Conference of the Missionaries, Native Pastors, Catechists and Teachers, met on January 1st, (Sunday) in the Mission Church, Rajahmundry, to hold the opening services. The President, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, preached the opening sermon, text, Heb. 13 : 8. The English Secretary, Rev. J. K. Poulsen, being unwell, Rev. Dietrich assisted in the opening services; 135 partook of the Lord's Supper. It being Sunday, only the opening services were held.

Monday, January 2d, 8 A. M.

The Conference met in the Mission Church at 8 A. M. The meeting opened with the Morning Service of our Church Book, conducted by the President. The roll was not yet arranged properly, and so roll call was dispensed with until to-morrow morning's meeting. The President's Report was then read. (This report will be found on pages 74–76.) Next in order was the election of officers. Rev. McCready and J. William Garu were appointed tellers.

The vote for President resulted as follows : Rev. Schmidt, 38 ; Rev. Poulsen, 7 ; Rev. Dietrich, 4 ; Rev. McCready, 4. Rev. Schmidt elected.

For English Secretary. Rev. Schmidt, 2 votes ; Rev. Poulsen, 16 ; Rev. Dietrich, 30 ; Rev. McCready, 10 ; Rev. Paulus, 1. Rev. Dietrich elected.

Telugu Secretary. C. James Garu received 34 votes ; J. William Garu, 15 ; V. Ratnam Garu, 1 ; Rev. McCready, 1 ; Rev. Paulus, 2 ; Rev. Joseph, 3. C. James Garu elected.

It was moved by Rev. Poulsen, and seconded by Rev. McCready, that the title Garu be used by the members of Conference in addressing or referring to native members in the Conference sessions. Passed.

The following Committees were appointed : On Report of Absentees, Rev. Joseph, V. Sreeramulu Garu, P. Peter Garu ; on the President's Report, Rev. McCready, J. William Garu, N. Isaac Garu. It was decided that the sessions of the Conference are to be as follows : Morning from 8 to 11 o'clock ; afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. It was also decided that the lectures, entertainments, etc., be at 7 P. M. For Monday and Tuesday evenings the report of Rev. F. S. Dietrich on "What is to be done in a case where a man comes and desires baptism, and has two wives ?" What does early Church History give on this

question? Wednesday evening, music, Thursday evening, Rev. McCready, "Among the Churches in Philadelphia." Friday evening, prayer meeting. Saturday, a meeting for Rev. Fox, of the Church of England, who has come here to see the Telugu Missions.

Reports: Rev. Joseph and Rev. Paulus read their reports. The Conference adjourned at 11 A. M.

January 2d, 2 P. M.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. McCready. The minutes of the morning meeting were read both in English and Telugu, and after a few unimportant corrections, were adopted.

Rev. Schmidt invited the teachers to partake of a dinner given by the Judge, on Wednesday noon.

The reports of the catechists and teachers were resumed. The catechists', J. William Garu and H. Schadrack Garu, reports caused some discussion.

The others were the teachers' reports, which were brief and oral. The Conference adjourned at 4 p.m., with prayer by Rev. Joseph.

Tuesday, January 3d, 8 A. M.

The meeting opened with prayer by C. James Garu. The revised roll was called. The minutes of the previous meeting were read in Telugu and English, and approved as read. The question in regard to a minute-book for the Telugu Secretary was put. On proposal, a collection was taken, and 15 annas were received and additional promises, so that the price of the book will be paid. The Tract Colporteur, Talluri Joseph Garu, was then elected a member of the Conference on motion of J. John Garu, seconded by V. Sreeramulu Garu. The following delegates were then received: Rajek Jacob, Mina Illoor; Kunzumoorti Zecharia, Mahadevipatam; Ranulagadda Moses, Annavaram; Bora Nehemia, Seerali; Peddakula John, Rayalem; Peddakula Samuel, Gorlamoodi; Addunki Abraham, Mahadevipatam; V. Moses, Rajahmundry; K. Appalaswamy and V. Mark, Tallapudi; Chickala Jacob, Kontivada; Goosala David, Bolladdupandu.

The teachers' reports were then resumed and finished.

Reports of Committees were next in order. The Committee on Absentees made the following report: K. Joseph Garu is absent on account of sickness, and so stands excused. K. Moses Garu is absent on leave, as also K. Michael Garu. Neither of them handed a request to be excused for their absence from the Conference.

The Committee on President's Report, reported as follows: The main points of the President's Report, and those which ought to be considered by the Conference are the following:

1. The advisability of introducing the custom of having a weekly prayer meeting at the Christian houses.

2. In regard to the joy which the Christians ought to feel that three Christians are appointed to such honorable posts as professors in the Government College of this town.

3. To give an expression in some form of gratitude to Sir Arthur Cotton for his interest in Mission-work in this country, as shown by the fact that he supports a Tract Colporteur, and in our District.

4. The proposal of having a Telugu newspaper published by our Mission for the Mission Agents, and even to be sold to the heathens.

5. The proposal in regard to the congregational contributions, viz : that a Treasurer for each District be appointed.

It was moved by Rev. McCready, and seconded by J. William Garu, that all Mission Agents try what they can effect in regard to a weekly prayer meeting during this year. In regard to the reference to Sir Arthur Cotton, his name is a household word in the Godavery District. His generous and thoughtful provision will endear him to the hearts of all Christians.

Resolved, That a vote of this Conference expressing the members' gratitude for his interest in Mission-work here, as indicated by his supporting a Tract Colporteur in this District, and that prayer be offered for his welfare, continued happiness and interest in the work, be forwarded to him by Rev. Schmidt.

Rev. Paulus made the closing prayer, making reference to the action of Sir Arthur Cotton.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.

January 3d, 2 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by V. Sreeramulu Garu. The minutes were read and approved. In regard to the Telugu newspaper, it was resolved that a paper should be published and an attempt be made to see what can be done. The established price to be one *pie* a copy.

It was further moved by Rev. McCready, seconded by V. Sreeramulu Garu, that if Rev. Grœnning has no objection, V. Jacob Garu and C. James Garu be elected as assistant Telegu editors Passed.

In regard to the congregational contribution, the following has been resolved : That in every District a treasurer shall be appointed, who is to have charge of all the congregational contributions of that District.

That each District is to elect its own treasurer at the annual Conference of the Mission Agents.

That these contributions be paid by the pastors, or any one holding such money, to this treasurer every three months, and the treasurer on receipt of it shall acknowledge the receipt in the congregational account book.

That the treasurer shall deposit the money in the Mission for safe keeping.

Closing prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Wednesday, January 4th, 8 A. M.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. Poulsen. The English minutes were read and adopted, after the insertion of the word "elected" instead of "taken" in reference to the appointment of assistant Telugu editors for the Telugu paper. The Telugu minutes were adopted as read.

Reference was then made that Native Pastors state distinctly, in their accounts, in reporting how much money they received, how much of it has been expended, and how much cash remains in their hands.

The Congregational Fund question was then taken up again. It was moved by Rev. McCready, seconded by Rev. Schmidt, that each District appoint two auditors to audit the account of the treasurer of that District.

The election of treasurers for the various Districts then took place. Jagurupad District elected Rev. F. S. Dietrich; Tallapudi District, P. Peter Garu; Samulcotta District, Rev. J. K. Poulsen; Velpur District, Rev. N. Paulus; Rajahmundry District, Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

The auditors for the various Districts are as follows: Dowlaishwaram District, J. William Garu and V. Ratnam Garu; for Velpur District, P. Prakasim and P. Moses Garu; for the Rajahmundry District, V. Sreeramulu Garu and P. V. Ratnam Garu; for Samulcotta District, D. Peter Garu and N. Isaac Garu; for Tallapudi District, Rev. McCready and Ch. Anandam Garu. It was moved by V. Sreeramulu Garu, and seconded by Rev. J. K. Poulsen, that the District Treasurer render an annual account to this Conference. Passed.

It was also resolved that the Mission pay 4 per cent. interest on this money entrusted to it.

It was also proposed by Rev. McCready, and seconded by J. John Garu, that Revs. Poulsen, Schmidt, Dietrich, McCready, Paulus and Joseph form a committee to draw up a form of account book for the transaction of this money business, and that every congregation be provided with such a book, at its own expense, and that Rev. Schmidt be asked to print the books.

It was then proposed by Rev. McCready, seconded by J. William Garu, that the Conference adopt now the President's Report as a whole. Passed.

The question in regard to the new hymn book for our Mission was then taken up. As only a few hymns have been handed down during this year, it was proposed by Rev. Poulsen, and seconded by Rev. Dietrich, that a committee, consisting of the European Missionaries, Native Pastors and J. William Garu, C. James Garu and P. V. Ratnam Garu, be appointed to consider and act in regard to the hymn book.

The Committee on "Drunkenness" or rather "Drinking," which was appointed January 6th, 1887, was asked for a report. Nothing definite had been done, and so the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. Paulus, read a few words on the subject. It was then moved by Rev. Dietrich, seconded by Rev. McCready, that Rev. Schmidt be added to that committee, and that the committee select one of their own members to give an address on this subject, of not less than 30 minutes in length, including the decision of this committee in regard to this subject, at the next year's meeting of this Conference. Passed.

The question in regard to putting the schools under grant was put, but after some discussion not passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11 A.M. after prayer by Rev. Joseph.

January 4th, 2 P.M.

The opening prayer was made by J. John Garu. The English minutes were read and, after a few unimportant changes, approved. The Telugu minutes were approved as read.

F. Samson was received as a delegate from Peddahem. The teachers at Rajahmundry are to pay, hereafter, the full 4 *pies* on the rupee towards the Teachers' Fund.

The Widows' Aid was then taken up. *Resolved*, that Rev. McCready give Y. Maria 12 annas, and P. Bhagherati 8 annas, as a present out of the money which was left in his hand as belonging to the Poor and Widow Fund, after the half for the Catechist had been handed over to the treasurer.

The following is the distribution list for the coming year: Tallapudi—G. John's widow, 4 annas a month; Y. Maria, 2 annas; P. Bhagherati, 2 annas.

Resolved, If there are no widows to be aided in a District, then the money set a part for the widows and poor be preserved for the future widows of that District.

The aid of the Jagurupad District is as follows: Mungam Sarah, 3½ annas; B. Elizabeth, 3½ annas; M. Amelia, 5½ annas; B. Luke, 3 annas; Y. Samuel's widow, 5½ annas. Velpur: P. Rachel, 6 annas.

It was moved by Rev. Schmidt, and seconded by B. Venkama Garu, that if a teacher's widow marries again, or if she has a son who arrives at the age of 16 years, or a daughter that marries, such a widow shall after that year receive no more aid from this fund. Passed.

It was proposed by Rev. McCready, and seconded by Rev. Schmidt, in connection with the subject of Rev. Dietrich's lecture, that this Conference is of the opinion that the admission of parties having two wives into the Evangelical Lutheran Church is contrary to the Word of the Most High; and entirely opposed to the practice of the churches in all ages, as far as ascertained, and that those who have already entered the Church in this unfortunate and unrighteous state be urged to abandon it, or forfeit all rights to Christian Communion. Passed.

P. V. Ratnam Garu read then a brief address in behalf of the Conference, to Rev. J. K. Poulsen, expressing the feeling and the wishes of the Conference in regard to Rev. and Mrs. Poulsen's permanent retiring from the Mission field. Rev. Poulsen replied for himself and in behalf of Mrs. Poulsen in a touching manner, referring to the human weakness, on account of which we can do our work but imperfectly, which is better known to himself than to any one else. He referred to the work here as being dear to his heart, but had to leave on account of ill-health of himself and family, and that he was especially sorry because of Samulcotta not being filled now at his leaving. He added that his greatest joy was to see this work prosper after his leaving, and that the seed sown by him may bring forth fruit; that if this happens his desire has been fulfilled.

The Conference adjourned after prayer by P. V. Ratnam Garu, and the benediction by Rev. Poulsen, to meet again at Tallapudi on the first Sunday in January, 1889—January 6th.

During the session of the Conference this week the following evening exercises took place:

Monday and Tuesday evenings: Rev. Dietrich had been appointed two years ago to look up early Church History in regard to the question: What is to be done in a case where a man who has two wives comes to be baptized? He reported this year in the form of a lecture, which he prepared in English, and J. William Garu translated into Telugu, and read it. It required two evenings. All seemed to be pleased with it. It created a lively attention, and the question was freely discussed with the result of the resolution on the minutes of January 4th.

Wednesday: On this evening a musical entertainment was given to the teachers, and succeeded pretty well. That it was not a complete success was owing to some little misunderstanding and excitement of the teachers. I hope many have been benefited by it.

Thursday: This evening Rev. McCready delivered a very interesting address on "America" to the teachers. All seemed to enjoy it very much, and declared that they knew now something about America. I hope that the many examples which he brought up may remain in the minds of the teachers, and arouse them to a fuller sense of their duty.

Friday evening: This evening the Conference had a prayer meeting. Revs. Poulsen and Paulus addressed the meeting. J. William Garu read a portion of Scripture. This meeting was a nice one, and, I think, all felt that it was good to be there.

This year the Conference was interesting, and many important questions were decided. All seemed to feel that all the exercises were interesting and edifying.

May the Lord preserve us for next year, and direct us that it may even be more interesting and fruitful than this year has been.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, *President.*

Rev. F. S. Dietrich, *English Secretary.*

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Missionary Council.

Friday, January 6, 1888.

President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. McCready. Read Rev. Grœnning's letter asking to be excused from attendance at the meetings of the Missionary Council on account of his absence on a visit to the Brecklum Mission Stations.

Resolved, That he be excused from attending the meeting at this Session.

Minutes read and adopted after a correction had been made.

Resolved, That the President remain in office.

Rev. McCready refused to serve any longer as Secretary, and Rev. Schmidt was elected by acclamation.

The President appointed Messrs. Schmidt and McCready the Auditing Committee of the Treasurer's account.

Resolved, That Messrs. Dietrich and McCready form a Committee to propose, at the next meeting, short rules for our Missionary Council, in regard to order of business and framing of minutes.

Read, Rev. Poulsen's report.
" " Grœnning's "
" " McCready's "

Moved by Rev. Dietrich, and seconded by Rev. McCready, that a separate book be kept for all rules passed by the Missionary Council, and that each be regularly numbered, and hereafter only reference be made to their number in the minutes.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

P. M., 2–4.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Read, Rev. Dietrich's Report.

Read, Report on what Constitutes Membership in a Congregation, and discussed point by point.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

Saturday, January 7th, 8 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

Discussion on the above report continued, and was adopted in the following form:

1. Every baptized person in connection with our Mission shall be regarded as a member of our Church.

2. If a member removes permanently from the locality of one congregation to another, the pastor shall give him a letter of dismissal to the other congregation, and, on presentation of that letter, he shall be considered a member of that congregation, or after one year's residence in that locality, excepting students, who will remain members of the congregation where they come from.

3. Every member of our Church shall be entitled to pastoral care wherever he may be within the boundaries of our Church, and every pastor shall have the right in his field to attend to the pastoral wants in cases of emergency to such bona fide members of other congregations.

These ministerial acts shall be recorded in the Church Registers of the place where they are performed.

4. Wherever a person is excommunicated from a congregation, the pastor shall inform the other pastors of it, and such person shall forfeit the right of membership everywhere in our Mission.

5. The excommunication from the Lord's Table does not necessarily exclude the person from membership of the Church, but is considered as an act of discipline. But if a person is excommunicated from the Church, he shall forfeit all rights of membership, and be considered as a heathen, all over our field.

Resolved, That Mesheck, if employed, receive pay of 4 Rs. 8 As. per month.

Resolved, To postpone R. Charley's case till next Session.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Monday, January 9th, 8 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Poulsen.

Resolved, That we are unable to grant increase of pay to the teachers out of Mission funds until more money is available from America.

Resolved, That Sreeramulu be employed by Rev. Schmidt as evangelist on trial for one year on 10 Rs. pay, and 3 As. Batta.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Proposed by Rev. Dietrich and seconded by Rev. Schmidt, that until the want of teachers can be supplied from the school, such persons whom the Missionary Council shall deem fit, may present themselves for the following examination, and if passed, may be employed :

Reading.—The Telugu Bible.

Writing.—A fair hand in Telugu.

Composition.—Express his thoughts properly.

Arithmetic.—Notation, numeration and the four simple rules.

Geography.—A general knowledge of the Godavery District.

Bible History.—A general outline of Bible History from the birth of John to the imprisonment of St. Paul, and from the Creation of the World to the death of Solomon.

Catechism.—The principal parts by heart, and a fair understanding of the whole.

Hymns.—Able to start at least four tunes.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

Tuesday, January 10th, 8 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Resolved, That one Missionary examine, and that the others be present at the examination.

Resolved, That the President examine the candidates at this examination.

Resolved, That the Committee to draw up a scale of salary for Catechists, Evangelists and Teachers, continue.

Next followed the reading of estimates.

Resolved, Revs. Poulsen's, Dietrich's, McCready's and Schmidt's estimates be recommended.

Resolved, That Rev. Dietrich be appointed to take charge of the Samulcotta Station in case Rev. Poulsen should leave before instructions have been received from the Home Committee, or until the next meeting of the Missionary Council.

Resolved, That all blank report forms, etc., be kept with the Mission Library, and distributed from the same.

Next took place the examination of Appalaswamy, Mark and Prakasem.

Prakasem and Mark passed, and Appalaswamy failed, but is recommended to go to the boarding school for one year.

Resolved, That Mark be permanently employed in the Tallapudi District on 6 Rs. pay, and Prakasem on 6 Rs. pay in the Korukonda District.

The Missionary Council adjourned after prayer by Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

(Signed) J. K. Poulsen, *President.*

H. C. Schmidt, *Secretary.*

Semi-Annual Meeting of the Missionary Council, July, 1888.

July 19th.

Rev. Dietrich opened the meeting by Scripture reading and prayer.

On account of the absence of the President, Rev. Grœnning was asked to take the chair.

As the President has left, it was necessary to elect a President, and Rev. Grœnning was elected, by acclamation, to act as President till the end of the year.

Reports of Rev. Dietrich and of Rev. Grœnning were read and discussed.

July 19th, 2 p.m.

Prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Reading of Schmidt's and Samulcotta Reports.

The following Committees were appointed :

Revs. McCready and Schmidt, Auditing Committee, with power to make suggestions with regard to a uniform mode of account keeping.

Revs. Dietrich and Schmidt, Committee on Book of Baptismal Register.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

July 20th, 8 a.m.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Read petition of Teacher N. Isaac and resolved that as he already receives the maximum pay for teachers of his standing, he cannot receive any increase, unless he passes a higher examination or becomes a Catechist.

Resolved, On account of financial difficulties that no increase of salaries can be granted at present.

In regard to R. Charley's petition, it was resolved that he has to go to Rev. Grœnning, and if he readmits him in the school on evidence of repentance, and R. Charley afterwards passes out of the school in the proper way, he can be employed. But if he again is dismissed from the school, he shall have no chance to be employed in Mission work.

Resolved, That such grown-up students in our Training Institution who have been there for a number of years, and do not desire to study longer, and are of such an age (not less than 16 years) that they may be employed, be permitted to appear for examination and if passed be employed.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

JULY 20TH, 2 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Resolved, That one boy for every 6 Christian villages, who has no chance to prepare himself in his own village for the admission standard of the Rajahmundry Training Institution, can, as a temporary arrangement, be admitted into the First Class at Rajahmundry as a boarder. Such boys have to bring a certificate from the Superintending Missionary of their District.

No boarding school outside of Rajahmundry shall be established, and existing ones shall be done away with.

Resolved, That Revs. Grœnning and McCready form a Committee to fix the standard and text books as well for the First as for the Second Class.

Resolved, That the percentage of admittance into the Rajahmundry Boarding House (Second Class) shall be as follows:

Velpur District, 54 p. c.

Dowlaishwaram and Jagurapad District, 20 p. c.

Tallapudi District, 13 p. c.

Samulcotta District, 12 p. c.

Korukonda District, 1 p. c.

Resolved, That Rev. Dietrich pay an old debt for books, from Rev. Artman's time, out of Mission funds.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

JULY 21ST, 8 A.M.

Prayer by Rev. McCready.

Resolved, That all papers circulated between the meetings return to the President, who gives the decision to the respective persons and brings the papers before the next meeting, where the result shall be recorded and the papers handed over to the Secretary for preservation.

Whereas, The Mahommedan Boys' School is out of the question, having been closed by Mr. McCready on the 15th of March, 1888, and taken up by the school union at Rajahmundry,

Resolved, That Rev. Grœnning try to connect the Mahommedan Girls' School with our Mission, so as to take a similar position as the Caste Girls' School, and that he be allowed to spend annually on that school such amount as estimated and recommended by the Missionary Council. This resolution will take effect from January 1st, 1889, unless otherwise ordered by the Home Committee.

Reading of the Tallapudi Report.

Resolved, To ask the Home Committee to reconsider Section 27, of the General Regulations and to insert, as a substitute for the former, the following, or something to that effect:

"But before self-sustaining congregations have been formed, which can build their own churches, churches may be built by contributions of friends of the Mission at such places and at such cost as deemed necessary by the Missionary Council and as sanctioned by the Home Committee."

JULY 23D, 8 A.M.

Prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Resolved, That the Missionary Council thinks it necessary that a church in Tallapudi and one in the Velpur District, should be built and that they recommend that the Home Committee grant two rupees for every one rupee given by native Christians for that purpose. As there is no prospect to collect very much among native Christians for the Tallapudi church, we ask that the Home Committee grant Rev. McCready permission to collect besides this, $300 among friends in America.

Resolved, To ask the Home Committee whether a question like that about the resolution of the Mission Conference in regard to the admission of Baptists as Mission agents, (see minutes of Conference, January, 1886 : "Persons coming from the Baptist Missions cannot be admit ed into the boarding house nor be employed in our Mission,") should be considered binding on the Missionary Council, or whether, to become so, it must be formally adopted by the Missionary Council also.

Resolved, That Rev. Grœnning carry on the work on the Telugu Bible History as much as possible in the language of the Bible, and that an estimate of cost be furnished by Revs. Grœnning and Schmidt for 500 copies.

JULY 23D, 2 P.M.

Prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

Estimate of rest of compound wall, Riverdale, 60 Rs.

Rev. Grœnning's estimate, 1425 Rs.

Rev. McCready's estimate, 470 Rs.

Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad estimate, 1075 Rs.

Samulcotta estimate, 592 Rs.

Resolved, That the Communion elements shall, in future, be furnished from congregational funds.

Resolved, That the President and Secretary are instructed to write a letter to the Home Committee in regard to Rev. Poulsen's departure.

Resolved, To meet next time at Tallapudi, immediately after the meeting of the General Confe ence.

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

Signed. WM. GRŒNNING,
President.

H. C. SCHMIDT,
Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Account of the Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN INDIA, JULY 1, 1887—JUNE 30, 1888.

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	Rs.	An.	Pi.	
To amount of an appropriation not expended, and returned, and to error	131	12	1	
" Drafts from America	12,831	7	7	
" Cash from friends in America, etc. per the Rev. F. J. McCready	402	5	3	
" Cash from friends in Europe, etc, per the Rev. Wm. Grœnning	1,128	1	9	
" School Grants, from the Government	57	7	10	
" Rent of School Land	7	0	0	
" Contribution of the Rev. Wm. Grœnning, (special purposes)	68	11	6	
" Return of School-fees	35	0	0	
" The Congregational Fund, per Rev. Schmidt	100	0	0	
Total	14,761	14	0	$5,019 04

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By Deficit, July 1, 1887	42	15	1	
" Error	168	14	10	
" Amount due on Rev. McCready's house	52	0	0	
" Stamps, interest, discount, Church books, etc	202	11	6	
" Payments to Missionaries and Districts	14,653	8	4	
" Sundries	4	0	9	
Total	15,124	2	6	$5,142 21

SUMMARY.

Total receipts, July 1, 1887—June 30, 1888	$5,019 04
" Expenditures " " "	5,142 21
Deficit	$ 123 17

NOTE.—This account does not include the salaries of the Missionaries, which are paid directly to them by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee.

EXPENSES OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDING-SCHOOL.

July 1, 1887—June 30, 1888.

	Rs.	An.	Pi.	
Rajahmundry, Velpur, Korukunda	3,755	12	1	
Dowlaishwaram	2,609	7	8	
Samulcotta	1,362	8	1	
Tallapudi	1,777	8	8	
Schools in charge of the Rev. Wm. Grœnning	3,565	2	5	
Total	13,070	6	11	$4,443 95

Expenditures in America.

For the year ending September 7, 1888.

Drafts (salaries of Missionaries, and general expenses)..	$9,695 67
Return of Loan	25 00
Interest on Loan of $1000	50 00
Salary of Agent of *The Missions-Bote*	75 00
Secretary's expenses for 2 years	16 00
Sundries	6 80
Amount overdrawn	439 42
Total expenditures	$10,307 89
Total receipts	10,288 20
Deficit	$ 19 69

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION.

Missionaries in the field during the year	5
" Wives in the field during the year	4
Native Ordained Pastors	2
" Evangelists and Catechists	7
Teachers—Rajahmundry	8
" Other Stations	54
Total Mission Agents	80
Scholars, Rajahmundry—	
Boarding Scholars, Boys	41
" " Girls	12
Day Scholars, Boys	17
" " Girls,	15
Caste Girls' School	47
District Schools, Scholars	635
Total Scholars	767
Baptisms, 1886	364
" 1887	235
" January to June, 1888	170
Confirmations	7
Communicants	805
Communed, July to December, 1887	466
" January to June, 1888	573

Baptized Christians, children and adults—	Children.	Adults.	Total.
Rajahmundry	71	82	153
Rajahmundry District	15	8	23
Velpur "	524	807	1331
Dowlaishwaram "	30	40	70
Jagurupad "	103	191	294
Samulcotta "	37	85	122
Total baptized Christians			1993

	R.	A.	P.
Contributions, Rajahmundry	15	4	...
" Velpur District	77	10	...
" Dowlaishwaram District	20	9	6
" Jagurupad "	25	...	4
" Samulcotta "	2	4	...
" Tallapudi "	64	4	...
Total contributions for benevolence	204	15	10

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MINUTES.

The Twenty-second Convention of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, was held in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. Edmund Belfour, D. D., pastor, and was opened with Divine service on Thursday morning, October 10th, 1889. The President, Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, D. D., LL.D., preached the opening sermon from Luke v: 4–11, which was followed by the administration of the Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 10, 1889, 2:30 P. M.

The Council was opened by the President, according to the order prescribed by the Liturgy. The English Recording Secretary, Rev. G. W. Mechling, called the roll of Synods, and the delegates presented their credentials as follows.

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

I.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., LL. D.*	Wm. H. Staake, Esq.
" J. A. Seiss, D. D, LL. D.	Mr. C. R. Lantz,
" S. Laird, D. D.,	" T. H. Diehl,
" J. Fry, D. D.,	" A. W. Potteiger,
" Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D.,	" M. Langenstein,
" " S. A. Repass, D. D.,	" Jacob Fegley,
" F. J. F. Schantz,	" R. A. Bær,
" Prof. A. Spæth, D. D.,	" A. G. Sæger,
" " T. L. Seip, D. D.,	" W. Hauff,
" D. H. Geissinger,	" D. Deitz,
" E. Smith,	" L. H. Leiss,

* Ex-officio.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. H. Grahn,	Mr. H. Lehman,
" M. C. Horine,	" A. B. Walp,
" Prof. M. H. Richards, D. D.,	" G. H. Moller,
" C. J. Cooper,	" M. K. Erdman.
" J. F. Ohl,	
" B. W. Schmauk,	
" W. Ashmead Schaeffer,	
" S. A. Ziegenfuss,	
" D. K. Kepner,	
" E. E. Sibole.	

II.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK AND ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. Steinhauser,*	Mr. J. Evers,
" J. C. Peterson,	" W. Campioni,
" J. J. Heischmann,	" F. Kracke.
" G. C. F. Haas,	
" A. Richter,	
" J. Brezing,	
" L. Kœnig,	
" J. Nicum,	
" J. A. Dewald,	
" D. W. Peterson.	

III.—PITTSBURGH SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, D. D.,*	Mr. S. S. Blyholder,
" W. A. Passavant, D. D.,	" J. B. Kærcher,
" W. J. Miller,	" G. U. Boal, M. D.,
" E. Belfour, D. D.,	" H. Bœrst,
" J. L. Smith,	" Wm. G. Wolff,
" H. W. Roth, D. D.,	" G. D. Swaim,
" W. A. Passavant, Jr.,	" M. Singer,
" D. M. Kemmerer,	" D. Weltey,
" S. L. Harkey, D. D.,*	" L. T. Smith, M. D.,
" J. Q. Walters.	" W. G. Armour.

* Ex-officio.

IV.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. J. F. Fahs,*	Isaac S. Motter, Esq.,
" G. W. Mechling,	Mr. Geo. F. Lerch,
" A. F. Siebert,	" A. L. Ridenour,

V.—SCANDINAVIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

Ministers.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl,*	Mr. L. M. Norling,
" L. G. Abrahamson,	" A. W. Soderberg,
" J. H. Randahl,	" P. H. Larson.
" E. C. Jessup,	
" R. F. Weidner, D. D.,	
" G. H. Trabert,	
" A. J. D. Haupt,	
" C. A. Blomgren,	
" L. A. Johnston,	
" O. V. Holmgrain,	
" G. Nilsenius.	

VI.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

Rev. F. Viet.*

VII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

No delegate present—excused.

VIII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF INDIANA.

Rev. F. C. Kahler.*

SYNODS WITH PRIVILEGE OF DEBATE.

IX.—NORWEGIAN AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

No delegate.

X.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF IOWA.

No delegate.

LIST OF VISITING MINISTERS IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH WITH THE COUNCIL.

Rev. J. K. Melhorn,	Rev. J. H. Smith,
" Dr. B. Pick,	" R. E. McDaniel,

*Ex-officio.

Rev. A. R. J. Græpp,
" George E. Titzel,
" W. G. Hudson,
" Prof. W. A. Beates,
" J. F. Beates,
" John Wolfley,
" A. D. Potts,
" J. G. Amschler,
" A. Cordez,
" M. L. Zweizig,
" J. A. Waters,
" D. Passavant.
" Prof. Gilbert,
" J. R. Groff,
" Paul Glassow,
" H. N. Fegley,
" H. Vœgele,
" A. Ramsey,
" C. F. Kransz,
" J. G. Reinartz,
" J. H. Delo,
" P. Riffer,
" C. Edman, M. D.,
" J. Ash,
" J. H. A. Kitzmiller,
" W. J. Finch,
" F. P. Bossart,

Rev. E. T. L. Engers,
" J. L. Sibole,
" H. V. Christey,
" C. L. Fry,
" J. Sarver,
" F. Richards,
" Ivan Dietrich,
" E. L. Baker,
" J. W. Myers,
" J. A. Kribbs,
" N. Scheffer,
" G. W. Critchlow,
" Lemcke,
" C. G. Lund.
" G. A. Wenzel, D. D.,
" A. N. Bartholomew,
" R. W. Smith,
" J. G. Amschler,
" W. O. Wilson,
" M. O. Puhl,
" S. R. Herbster,
" S. Munsch,
" H. M. Elsin,
" H. J. G. Bartholomew,
" J. C. F. Rupp,
" C. Mildner.

The President offered the followning report of his official acts :

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

Your presiding officer deems it fitting, before vacating his place, to make the following statements and presentations :

1. On the 15th of October last, less than a month after the adjournment of our Convention in Minneapolis, one of the officers of this Body, and for many years one of its most prominent members, REV. BEALE MELANCHTHON SCHMUCKER, D. D., suddenly departed this life while on his way to attend to duties on behalf of the General Council. As the minutes were not yet in print, the Secretaries were authorized and directed to insert a note of this brother's death. His distinguished attainments, his eminent services, his prominence in

the proceedings and work of the Council, and the great loss which the Church has sustained by his death, render it eminently due that some more special notice should be taken by this Body of his lamented demise while in the midst of his useful life and labors.

2. The communication from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal church in regard to Christian Union, which was addressed to this Body at our last Convention, and which was referred to Drs. Seiss, Schmucker, and Spaeth, to be answered, was placed in the hands of Dr. Schmucker to prepare a draft of answer to be submitted to the committee. Since the death of Dr. Schmucker, the original paper has not been recovered, and hence no answer to it has been prepared or sent.

3. Soon after the adjournment of our last Convention, Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., gave notice that he wished to be released from serving as a member of the Committee on Publications. Having given satisfactory reasons for his desire to be excused, his resignation was accepted, and Rev. R. Hill was appointed to fill the vacancy.

A similar request was made by Rev. F. W. Weiskotten to be released from serving on the German Home Mission Committee. He was directed to present his resignation to the Committee itself, which was authorized to fill the vacancy until the present Convention of the General Council.

There have been two other resignations from members of the Committee on "Woman's Work," but of so recent a date, that no appointments have been made to fill the vacancies.

4. It was resolved a year ago to recommend to the present Convention of the General Council, as a subject for discussion, "How does the preaching in the pulpits of other than Lutheran churches, especially during Synodical Conventions, agree with the declaration of the General Council made in Pittsburgh in 1868?" and the President was instructed to appoint one or more persons "to bring this matter, in proper form for discussion," before the Convention. After due deliberation, the two teachers of Dogmatics in our principal Seminaries, together with the Pastor of the church in which we are now assembled, were appointed for this purpose, namely: Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., of Philadelphia; Rev. Prof. R. F. Weidner, D. D., of Rock Island; and Rev. E. Belfour, D. D., of Pittsburgh. They have attended to the duty, and their Report is in print, copies of which are here for the use of members.

5. At the Convention of this Body in Chicago, in 1886, a resolution was passed, expressive of our sympathy with our suffering brethren in the faith, resident in the Baltic Provinces and other por-

tions of Russia, under the wrongs and oppressions inflicted upon them by the Russian government. The earnest prayer of the Council then was that, in the good Providence of God, speedy deliverance might be vouchsafed to them. But, instead of relief, the accounts are that they are being subjected to a still heavier cross. According to the latest information, the authorities of Russia have entered upon a systematic effort to disable, and gradually suppress all the German churches and schools in the realm, most of which are Lutheran, imposing heavy penalties upon all ministers and teachers who fail to conform to the unrighteous requirements. Though these people have been for hundreds of years among the best citizens of the empire, and their presence encouraged by many long standing immunities, all former compacts with them have been repealed, their schools and institutions put under the adverse rule and command of the government, and themselves harassed and persecuted by a jealous and inimical Hierarchy, recognized and sustained by the State. Lutheran pastors have been subjected to a cruel espionage, and banished as culprits on the slightest pretexts of expressed disagreement with the Greek church ; and conformity to that church is being more and more required, on pain of forfeiting all rights of citizenship, and all immunities of religion and conscience.

We cannot but be profoundly moved at such tyrannical violations of that religious freedom which civilized nations recognize and affirm as one of the inalienable rights of the human soul. And though unable to interfere with Russia's powerful autocracy, we still may, and should, in the name of God and righteousness, and in dutifulness to our holy Christian faith and confessions, express and record our indignant protest against the wrongs and oppressions thus imposed on such vast numbers of our fellow believers, declare our deep sympathy with them in their sore afflictions, and earnestly implore the Almighty Head of the church to direct them in their trouble, to sustain them in the confession of His name, and to send them speedy deliverance, according to His infinite wisdom, goodness and mercy.

6 It is due, also, that official report should be made of the fact that an important legacy has recently been left to this Body. Information has been received that Mr. John Keck, late of Shanondale, Clarion Co., Pa., has devised and bequeathed the principle part of his estate to the Trustees of the General Council, to be appropriated to the cause of Foreign Missions. Having remembered Thiel College and the Orphans' Home and Farm School, what he has designated for the use of the Council, it is supposed, will eventually net from ten to twelve thousand dollars. It is highly gratifying that

members of the Church, whom God has blessed with means, are moved to consider the wants, interests, institutions and claims of the Church when they come to make final disposition of their worldly possessions.

7. Your President also desires to say, in returning to you the office with which you have invested him, that he does it with the fixed purpose not to accept a re-election, should such a thing perchance be thought of. The office of the President of the General Council is but little else than that of a moderator of proceedings while the Body is in Session. It is most of all a mere business appointment. The election of any one to it is not, therefore, to be regarded as of any significance respecting the status or the Council on any given points of doctrine or practice. But it has not always been so taken. On certain mooted matters to which the Council has never committed itself, the known feelings and views of individuals who happened to be chosen to the Presidency have be-times been unwarrantably rated as indicative of the mind and position of the General Council, as such upon those points. From the beginning, this Body has been careful to preserve and guard a conservatism of its own amid conflicting tendencies, and which is not to be confounded with the individual sentiments, wishes or feelings of its members, its synods, or its officers, whether on the side of rigor or of laxity. And one thing liable to beget and foster misinterpretation and mistake in this respect is the repeated re-election of the same persons to the Presidency. Knowing the history of the past, and the faulty and damaging conclusions which have received voice and effect on both sides of the ocean, the present incumbent is thoroughly persuaded of the desirability of a return to the understanding and order in this respect which marked the earlear years of the Council.

It was understood at the beginning, publicly expressed on the floor of the Convention at Chicago, in 1869, and tacitly accepted as the rule up to the meeting in Rochester in 1871, that it was well to have frequent rotation in the occupancy of this office. With a view, therefore, to correct and avoid injurious misapprehensions and misjudgments, such as have occurred, first in one direction and then in another, and as a matter of justice to the Council and all concerned, he whom you placed in the Presidency of this Body a year ago here puts it on record as his judgment and advice, that the Council should return to the original order and understanding on this point, to-wit: that ordinarily no President of the General Council should succeed himself.

8. Believing, then, that the General Council has an important conservative mission in this great country; that by the favor of God, amid many accusations, perils and trials, it has already done a work of good and abiding influence on the destinies of our church on this continent; that a new area of efficiency and usefulness is opening before it; and that respect to the particulars herein recommended, will increase the internal harmony and external force of our organization for the maintenance of the true Gospel, your retiring President earnestly prays, that the spirit of God—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord—may be richly vouchsafed to this Convention, to the Synods and churches here represented, and to the General Council in all time to come.

JOS. A. SEISS.

Pittsburgh, Oct. 10th, 1889.

Rev. D. M. Kemmerer and Mr. T. H. Diehl were appointed to assist in reporting the proceedings of this Council for the press. Revs. Cooper, Fahs, and W. A. Passavant, Jr., and Messrs. Lerch, Lehman, and Swaim, were appointed tellers, to conduct the election of officers, and the following officers were elected:

Rev. G. F. Krotel, D D., LL. D.—*President.*
" G. W. Mechling—*English Recording Secretary.*
" J. Nicum—*German Recording Secretary.*
" O. V. Holmgrain—*Swedish Recording Secretary.*
" P. Pfatteicher—*German Corresponding Secretary.*
" H. E. Jacobs, D. D.—*English Corresponding Secretary.*
" E. Norelius—*Swedish Corresponding Secretary.*
W. H. Staake, Esq.—*Treasurer.*

The action of the Augustana Synod, with regard to the Chicago Theological Seminary, was made the first order for Monday morning; and the minutes of the last Convention were referred to a Committee. The hours of meeting were fixed at 9 a. m., and 2 p. m., and of adjournment at 12 a. m. and 5 p. m.

An invitation from the young men of this congregation to an excursion on the Monongahela river, on Saturday afternoon, was accepted with thanks.

The subject of Pulpit Fellowship was made the order for to-morrow morning, and the reports of the committees on Home Missions were made the special order for Friday afternoon.

Minutes and papers from District Synods were called for and presented.

Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer offered the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions (see appendix).

The schedule of salaries proposed by the Committee on Foreign Missions was adopted. It was resolved that the thanks of this Council be tendered to Rev. C. G. Fischer, for his valuable services in behalf of the Foreign Mission papers, to the editors of said papers, who had performed their labor without compensation, and also to W. H. Staake, Esq., our efficient Treasurer, for his self-sacrificing services in conducting the financial affairs of the committee.

The business of Foreign Missions was made the order to immediately succeed that of Home Missions.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. S. Laird, D. D.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, Secretary of Foreign Missions, delivered an address, with special reference to our Mission work in East India, and Rev. Emmanuel Edman, M. D., was solemnly consecrated as a Missionary to the Telegus, by the officers of the Foreign Mission Committee and the President of the Augustana Synod.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 11, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. Dr. S. L. Harkey. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs offered the report of the special Committee on Preaching in other than Lutheran pulpits, which was received for discussion as follows: And the whole morning session was taken up in its discussion.

ON PREACHING IN OTHER THAN LUTHERAN PULPITS.

The committee appointed to prepare a basis for the discussion of the subject of preaching in other than Lutheran pulpits, respectfully offers the following:

I. The resolution providing for the discussion, passed at Minneapolis, is:

> "*Resolved*, That the following question be recommended to the next Convention of the General Council, as a subject for

discussion: 'How does the preaching in pulpits of other than Lutheran churches, especially during synodical conventions, agree with the declaration of the General Council, made in Pittsburgh in 1868: Lutheran ministers may properly preach wherever there is an opening in the pulpit of other churches, unless the circumstances imply, or seem to imply, a fellowship with error and schism, or a restriction on the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God.'"—(*English Minutes*, Minneapolis, pp. 81, 82).

It is, therefore, to this one question that, unless the Council should otherwise order, the discussion is to be limited.

II. The Pittsburgh declaration of 1868, quoted in the above resolution at Minneapolis in 1888, was reaffirmed in Philadelphia in 1885:

"*Resolved*, That the attention of the Michigan Synod be called to Paragraph 3, Section 2, of the Pittsburgh Declaration, unanimously adopted by the General Council, and that we reaffirm this as our present declaration on the subject."—(*English Minutes*, Philadelphia, p. 63).

Item 2d, referring to the Michigan Synod, was adopted, with the addition of giving the full text of the Pittsburgh resolution at this place.

"Lutheran ministers may properly preach wherever there is an opening in the pulpit of other churches, unless the circumstances imply, or seem to imply, a fellowship with error or schism, or a restriction on the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God."—(*Ib.*, p. 64).

To this was subsequently added at the same convention:

"*Resolved*, That, at the conventions of the General Council, the arrangements for preaching on the part of the delegates, shall be made only with the approval of the President and pastor *loci*."—(*Ib.*, p. 64).

III. The Pittsburgh Declaration, reaffirmed at Philadelphia, clearly teaches

1. That not all preaching in the pulpit of other churches is to be condemned.

"Lutheran ministers may properly preach in the pulpit of other churches."

2. That no preaching can be justified, except where there is a free opening of such pulpits for the entrance of Lutheran ministers.

"Lutheran ministers may properly preach wherever there is *an opening*."

3. That all preaching in the pulpits of other churches is to be condemned where any fellowship with error and schism, or any restriction upon the unreserved teaching of the whole counsel of God, is implied.

"Unless the circumstances imply a fellowship with error and schism, or a restriction upon the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God."

4. That all preaching in the pulpits of other churches is, in the exercise of Christian liberty, to be declined, where, while the circumstances may not contain such implication, such impression may be conveyed to those in error, or to brethren whose faith may be in imminent peril by their improper inferences from such course.

"Unless the circumstances imply, or *seem* to imply," etc., *ut supra*. Formula of Concord *Sol. Dec.*, x., 15, 16: "The article of Christian liberty is also here at stake, to preserve which the Holy Ghost so earnestly charged his church through the mouth of the holy apostle. For as soon as this is weakened, and the ordinances of men are urged with compulsion upon the church, as though they were necessary, and their omission were wrong and sinful, the way is already prepared for idolatry, whereby the ordinances of men are gradually multiplied and regarded a service of God.

"So, also, by such yielding and conformity in external things, where there has not been previously, Christian union in doctrine, idolators are confirmed in their idolatry; on the other hand, the truly believing are distressed, offended and weakened in their faith."

5. The General Council, at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1870, in compliance with the request of the Minnesota Synod, explaining the terms used in the Pittsburgh Declaration, declared:

"The General Council, with the confessions and theologians of our church, distinguishes between doctrines which are funda-

mental to the existence of Christianity, *i. e.*, 'essential to true knowledge of Christ and faith in Him,' without which the hope of salvation is precluded, and doctrines which are fundamental to the complete integrity of Christianity, *i. e.*, to the full and absolute perfection of Christian doctrine, without which, in the judgment of Charity, it may still be possible for persons to be saved," and

"In employing the terms, 'fundamental errorists,' in the declarations made at Pittsburgh, it understands, not those who are the victims of involuntary mistake, but those who wilfully, wickedly and persistently desert, in whole or in part, the Christian faith....and who hold, defend and extend these errors, in the face of the admonitions of the church, and to the leading away of men from the path of life."—(*English Minutes*, Lancaster, Ohio, pp. 35, 36).

6. That the answer to the question, whether, in any particular case, there be any implication, real or seeming, of fellowship with error or schism, and restriction upon the unreserved expression of the whole counsel of God, is dependent on "circumstances," many of which can be known only as they arise, and the judgment of which is left, in ordinary cases, to the conscience of the faithful pastor, to whom an invitation to preach is given.

"The particular application of these principles and distinctions, as already measurably decided by the declarations made at Pittsburgh, the Council leaves, where it must needs be left, to the conscience and judgment of our faithful pastors and congregations."—(*Minutes*, Lancaster, Ohio, 1870, p. 36).

7. Among the circumstances are those attending the preaching during synodical cnnventions, with respect to which the General Council has deemed it best to make the more specific determination for its own conventions, that the arrangements for preaching on the part of delegates, shall be made only with the approval of the President of the Council and the pastor *loci*.

This provision has respect to the representative character of the delegates, and, hence, requires the approval of the President.

It also recognizes the fact that the pastor *loci* is more fully acquainted with the circumstances and relations of the various pulpits that may be offered, than the individual delegates; and that, as members, for the time, of families of his parish, and thus,

of his parish, his judgment, in so far, should, with the concurrence of the President, be determinative.

HENRY E. JACOBS,
REVERE F. WEIDNER,
EDMUND BELFOUR.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was received and referred to an Auditing Committee as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

To balance last year		$2,019 43
1888.		
Sept. 11, To cash received from T. H. Diehl, per John C. File, Treas. Publishing Committee—		
Prem's on 1000 S. S. Books, words only,	40 00	
" 1,250 " with music,	62 50	102 50
1889.		
May 28, To cash received from the Pittsburgh Synod, per J. B. Kærcher, Treas		73 48
July 24, To cash received from W. A. Schmitthenner, Treas. Trinity Lutheran Church, Middle Village, L. I.		3 00
Sept. 27, To cash received from Ig. Kohler, prem's on 1000 S. S. Books, without music, 500 S. S. Books with music		151 25
Oct. 3, To cash received from John C. File, Treas. Publications Commitee—		
Little Children's Book		54 30
380 General Council Constitution		13 30
400 German Catechisms, small		12 00
Kirchenbuch, regular " 1st part		790 50
To cash received from Rev. G. W. Frederick,		
bonus on 2000 S. S. Books, words only	80	
On 1000 S. S. Books	50	
500 Catechism General Council	10	
1,157 S. S. Books, music	57 85	
2,191 " words only	87 64	285 49
		$3,505 25

Cr.

1888.		
Sept. 22,	By cash, Chas. Trabert, services of sexton at Minneapolis	10 00
Oct. 26,	By cash, Craig, Finley & Co., printing and binding Annual Report Foreign Missions Committee	238 16
Nov. 30,	By cash, Rev. John Nicum, expenses as German Secretary, stamps, expressage, etc.	9 81
Dec. 1,	By cash, Henry Beates, Treas. English Home Mission Committee, ⅔ net proceeds English Publications	618 88
	By cash, to Foreign Mission Fund Accounts, ⅓ proceeds English Publications	309 44
" 22,	By cash, Rev. G. A. Wenzel, traveling expenses, in the interest of the German Church Book	125 00
1889.		
Jan. 16,	By cash, Rev. G. W. Mechling, English Secretary, postage, packing and express charges on Minutes in English	68 50
Feb. 16,	By cash, Rev. John Nicum, expenses as German Secretary, stamps, expressage, etc.	12 62
" 18,	By cash, The Fairfield County Republican, printing, folding, freight, etc., on English Minutes.	167 85
" 19,	By cash, Theo. Wischan, printing, freight, etc., German Minutes	250 60
" 25,	By cash, Chinlund & Brink, printing Swedish Minutes	314 44
June 3,	By cash, Rev. Oscar V. Holmgrain, translating Minutes into Swedish	50 00
		$2,175,00
1889.		
Amount brought forward		$2,175 00
Sept. 27,	By cash, Ignatz Kohler, on Account Work and Publications to Dr. Schmucker, for work of Council	52 54
Oct. 3,	By cash, Chinlund & Brink, postage, freight, etc., Swedish Minutes	24 88
"	By cash, Miss Lizzie Mechling, engrossing Minutes of General Council, in Protocol	42 00
"	By cash, Sherman & Co., printing 500 circulars	6 00
"	Balance on hand	1,204 83
		$3,505 25

ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM H. STAAKE, TREASURER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, Agent of the Committee, and from others as acknowledged in the Missionsbote and Foreign Missionary	$12,177 04

Cr.

Salaries, viz.:	
Rev. Dietrich	$966 90
" Gronning	1,000 00
" McCready	774 42
" Waters, on acc't. McCready	340 00
" Poulsen " "	710 56
" E. R. Cassaday, Luth. Rev	17 00
" Schmidt, on McCready's acc't	787 50
" " general expenses	5,850 00
" " Ptg. office	400 00
Ida Bleshoy, Schmidt's child	350 00
Rev. C. G. Fischer, salary as agent	100 00
" J. A Werner, for house in India	5 00
" Grahn, freight on Rev. Dietrich's acc't	25
Dr. A. J. Leslie	3 00
Christian Literature Co	12 00
T. K. McCready, on Rev. McCready's acc't	3 33
J. B. Lippincott & Co	4 85
Dr. Schmucker, Miss. Review	2 00
Books, etc	3 96
T. H. Diehl, school books for India	50 00
H. A. Spaeth, interest on loan from Feb. 7, 1888, to Feb. 7, 1889	50 00
Moss Engraving Co., N. Y., cuts of Mr. and Mrs Gronning	15 25
Lizzie V. Artman, back salary of her husband	500 00
E. W. Lechoc, Miss. periodicals	7 95
Postage for past year	5 04
Overdrawn last year	19 69
	11,978 70
Balance	198 34
	12,177 04
There has been added the balance of the M. Bote acc't., as per order of the Auditing Committee	1,547 13
	1,745 47
And there has been charged to the F. M. Fund acc't., as per order of Auditing Committee, the shortage of the For. My. acc't. of	416 14
Leaving a net balance of	$1,329 33

The aforgoing account has been carefully examined and found correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge

October 3rd, 1889. J. WASH. MILLER.

The $1,000 loan from Mrs. A. Spaeth is still due and unpaid.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY ACCOUNT.

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To cash from Rev. Fischer	$	554 50
To cash received, subscriptions to Foreign Mission		17 66
	$	572 16
Amount overdrawn charged to F. M. F. account by order of the Committee		416 14
	$	988 30

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The Treasurer craves allowance for the following disbursements:

Overdrawn last year	$	206 20
Craig, Finley & Co., for missionary and postage, 12 No.'s		780 10
" 100 postal cards and printing		2 00
	$	988 30

The above account has been carefully examined and found correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge.

October 3, 1889. J. WASH. MILLER.

MISSIONBOTE ACCOUNT.

(The German Mission Paper).

Dr.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows:

To Balance last year	$	692 74
Subscriptions for Missionbote		75
Cash received from Rev. C. G. Fisher		2,810 69
	$	3,504 18

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Walter E. Hering, "Missionbote" printing, 13 months	$	386 23
" " Paper		93 60
" " Time on mail list		24 00
" " Postal cards		25 50
" " Addressing and mailing		4 00
" " 900 extra copies		18 90

Dobler & Mudge, paper	899 12
Press Engraving Co., cuts for "Missionbote"	5 70
	$ 1,957 05
Balance credited to F. M. F. account by order of Committee	1,547 13
	$ 3,504 18

The foregoing account has been carefully examined, and found correct to its items, both as to charge and discharge.

October 3d, 1889. J. Wash. Miller.

The President appointed committees as follows:

1. *On the President's Report:*

Rev. Dr. S. Laird,
" A. Steinhauser,
" Dr. J. A. Kunkelman,
" J. F. Fahs,
" S. P. A. Lindahl.
Mr. Geo. H. Moller,
" F. Kracke,
" S. S. Blyholder.

2. *On Minutes of Last Year:*

Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass,
" G. C. F. Haas,
" Dr. H. W. Roth,
" C. E. Lindberg.
Mr A. L. Ridenour,
" W. Campioni.

3. *On Minutes of District Synods:*

Rev. C. J. Cooper,
" D. W. Petersen,
" J. Q. Waters,
" A. F. Siebert,
" F. Veit,
" F. C. Kahler.
Mr. W. Hauff,
" W. S. Armour,
Isaac S. Motter, Esq.

4. *On Treasurer's Report:*

Messrs. I. S. Motter, C. R. Lantz, and J. B. Kærcher.

5. *On the Paper of the New York Ministerium and of Canada Synod:*

Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., Mr. A. W. Potteiger,
" E. Belfour, D. D., " Geo. F. Lerch.
" S. P. A. Lindahl,
" F. Veit,
" E. Smith.

Adjourned; prayer by Rev. J. Steinhauser.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 11, 2 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J F. Fahs, and the minutes were read and approved. Rev. J. Nicum offered the report of the Committee on German Home Missions, which was received and considered as follows:

Report of the German Committee on Home Missions of the General Council.

Your committee has held four meetings since its appointment in Minneapolis, Minn., all of which took place in the city of Rochester, N. Y., the seat of the present committee. The dates of these meetings were September 27th and November 15th, 1888; January 8th and September 4th, 1889. Of the seventeen persons which originally constituted the present committee, three resigned, viz: Revs. W. Berkemeier, F. W. Weiskotten and E. F. Moldenke, D. D., the latter, after the interview between the Rev. Mr. Beer, of Kropp, and the committee had taken place. In the place of the former two who resigned last fall, Revs. G. F. Gomph, of Pittsford, and T. H. Becker, of Buffalo, N. Y., were elected. The officers of the committee are Revs. A. Richter, president; J. Nicum secretary; and G. H. Gomph, treasurer. It was also necessary to find men for conducting the monthly *Siloah*, as the former editor had resigned. Rev. A. Richter was appointed editor, and Rev. J. Brezing his assistant.

The relation of the Synod of Texas to your committee has not changed materially from what it was last year, when the Synod resolved for the present not to accept any assistance from the committee. They decline to receive both men and aid. In a letter of the late Rev. E. Huber, then president of the Synod, dated November 7th, 1888, he writes: "With reference to the fidelity to the con-

fessions, I am glad to be able to inform you that in our Synod the positive Lutheran conviction asserts itself more and more. It will be necessary for our Synod, at its next convention, to speak plainer with reference to procuring new men, and as the Lutheran confession and conviction prevails more and more, we can only use such men who are good Lutherans and at the same time self-sacrificing. Our Synod, during late years, has suffered in consequence of misunderstandings and frictions which, together with the state of affairs in the North, tended to disturb the once so intimate relation between the Texas Synod and the German Mission Committee. But I do not doubt in the least that the Synod will heartily welcome a truly harmonious relation to the newly appointed committee."

Your committee had, at the time of preparing this report, not been informed what further action the Synod of Texas has taken. It may be that the death of its president, the Rev. E. Huber, which has occurred during the summer, accounts for this delay. In the meantime, St. Martin's Church, at Austin, Texas, a congregation in regular and organic connection with the Synod of Texas, has applied to your committee for aid. The missionary, Rev. E. Metzcerthin, had formerly received support from the Committee of General Council. We referred the petitioners to the action of their Synod, which prohibited its churches from soliciting or receiving any aid from the north, and advised them, as we did not desire to send assistance to any pastors for congregations in the Texas Synod, contrary to the wishes of the Synod, to induce the officers of Synod to endorse their request. It was not received, however. The committee also holds six bonds of $25 each for monies loaned to this congregation in 1885. These bonds represent the assets of a church extension fund, and were payable last year. A few months ago this church requested that it be released from its obligation of paying these bonds. An officer of the former committee informs us, however, that we were not authorized to give away this money, as it was originally contributed with the distinct understanding that it was to be the nucleus for a permanent church extension fund. We informed the officers of the church of these facts, and authorized our treasurer to see to it that these bonds were paid.

Your committee has deemed it advisable to sever its connection with the two missions on the west, the one in the north-western part of *Dakota*, and the other in *Nebraska*. We were utterly unable to have any supervision over pastors and churches more than 1,500 miles distant; realized, however, at the same time, from facts that came before us, how necessary such supervision is. Your committee

was surprised to find that these missionaries had held a position independent of all synodical connection. Neither they, nor their churches belonged to any Synod. We advised the two pastors, as well as the churches, to connect themselves with the German Synod of Iowa, which largely occupies the territory in which these missions are located, and formally transferred the care of these stations to the Mission Board of the Iowa Synod. To the Rev. A. Dietrich, in Dakota, we paid $166 67, and to the Rev. J. Deguesne, in Nebraska, $133 33, which represents payment in full until their relation as missionaries to the committee terminated.

December 3d, 1888, the Rev. J. Muller, Secretary of the Canada Synod, informed the committee that this Synod had undertaken missionary work among the German Lutherans in *Manitoba*, and that they desired to call a man to take charge of the field. Towards the support of this missionary your committee has granted $600 per annum. This mission is under the supervision of the Canada Synod, and our payments have been made to the Treasurer of that Synod, and not to the missionary directly.

Your committee has also received applications for pastors from scattered Lutherans residing in Dakota, Kansas, and Massachusetts. We referred the applicants to the officers of Synods of the General Council occupying the territory in which petitioners reside. The committee has not deemed it advisable to send another man to Dakota, or to commence a mission or two in Kansas. We are satisfied that, as a rule, such isolated stations cannot be carried on satisfactorily unless there is a system of regular supervision, which the committee was not able to provide.

Several *students* have been *aided* in preparing themselves for the ministry. Rev. E. Wittman, of the Philadelphia Society, has received $50. Mr. Paul Bœnish, a student pursuing the practical course in Wagner College, has been granted $185 75 for two years (1888-90); Mr. Karl Wanærke received for the same period $120, and Mr. Paul Weller $140. All three expect to enter the Philadelphia Seminary next Fall.

With reference to *the institution* of the Rev. J. Paulsen, *at Kropp*, the Council at its last meeting declared "that in its deliberate judgment it is undesirable and impolitic to form or continue any official, legal, or organic connection or arrangements whatever with the theological school" there. In the "rules and instructions" which the Council laid down for the German Home Mission Committee "to observe in carrying on its work in the future," it was also stated: 1. "That it is not expedient for the General Council to have a

Theological Seminary in Germany to which the entire theological education of our future German pastors should be committed," and 2. "That, nevertheless, under the present circumstances, it is highly desirable and necessary that young men should be secured from Germany, and that for this end, the committee shall be empowered to enter into arrangements with one or more institutions in Germany, provided, first, that these arrangements receive the approval of the trustees of the General Council; and secondly, that such institutions have only a preparatory character." The committee interpreted these rules to mean, that, although, the relations between the General Council and Kropp as a theological school are terminated, this action does not preclude a co-operation with and support of the institution of Pastor Paulsen, in case he is willing to give his school "a preparatory character," and "prepare young men for the Seminary at Philadelphia" (items 3 and 4, pages 38, of English Minutes, 1888). In this sense we wrote to Rev. Paulsen in Nov. last, inclosing a copy of the action taken by the Council, and expressing the hope that on the basis of these rules and instructions "he may be enabled to co-operate with the General Council or its representatives also in future. In his reply, dated December 14th, Pastor Paulsen sincerely regrets the misunderstandings and alienations, states that persons had been misrepresented to him; expresses his anxiety of co-operating with the General Council also in the future; and informs the Council that the Rev. Mr. Beer, a member of the faculty of the institution at Kropp, who was in America at the time, would be the proper person with whom the questions involved could be discussed. The committee at once wrote to Rev. Beer, and requested a meeting with him at his convenience. The meeting was held January 8th, at Rochester. It is putting it mildly when we say that the Rev. Mr. Beer came to Rochester highly prejudiced against the committee. At that meeting the entire question was fully and maturely discussed and every opportunity given to Prof. Beer to present the case of Kropp. The claim of Pastor Paulsen, in his letter of December 14th, that "the payment of teachers' salaries had been officially guaranteed" to him, was answered by a reference to the report of the former committee, presented at Greenville, Pa., where it is stated: "Pastor Paulsen called into existence an institution which is to serve the General Council in its work of German Home Mission. The General Council accepted the proffered assistance, without, indeed, entering into a legal obligation to do anything in return, but, nevertheless, taking upon itself the moral obligation of voluntary assistance. A legal contract, whether on the

part of the Rev. J. Paulsen or on the part of the General Council, or its German Home Mission Committee, nowhere exists." (Minutes of 1887, page 15). If such a guarantee was given to Rev. Paulsen, it could have been, therefore, only individual and personal, unauthorized by either the Council or Committee, as such. If it be true, as Mr. Paulsen claims, that "'guaranties' had been officially given" him, and we have no reason to doubt his word, it is evident that such unauthorized pledges and contracts must work great mischief. In the same meeting the Rev. Mr. Beer informed the committee that by Easter twelve or more candidates would arrive from Kropp; he offers their services to the committee, and asks whether the committee is willing to reimburse the institution for educating these men. If the answer be in the negative, Mr. Beer stated, then it would be useless to discuss the matter further, and they would have to wait in Kropp for the appointment of another committee. Being requested to formulate his question, so that a formal answer could be secured, he asked: "Are you willing, in the name of the General Council, to receive candidates from Kropp, who have completed their theological education? And if so, can you render a fair equivalent in money for their education—eventually to what amount?" To this the committee returned the following answer: "The committee declares that the rules and instructions laid down by the General Council, for the guidance of this committee (Minutes 1888, pages 38–39), do not anthorize it to render an affirmative answer to the questions of the Rev. Mr. Beer." Thereupon, the committee laid this question before Mr. Beer, which was the substance of its letter to Rev. Paulsen: "Is there any ground for hoping that the institution at Kropp will be ready to become a preparatory school for the Seminary in Philadelphia, in case it receives the necessary support?" The answer to this question was: "As far as I am informed, no." Since then we have not heard from Kropp.

In the meeting of September 4th, it was resolved to bring several matters to the attention of the General Council. Your committee also desires to call attention to the fact that there is an impression abroad in the church as if the work of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council, were aided by the "Kirchenblatt," inasmuch as in every number of said paper a notice appears to this effect, that the proceeds of this paper are devoted to the German Mission work of the General Council. We would, therefore, call the attention of the church to the fact that the treasurer of your committee has not received a cent from the proceeds of said paper. We know, indeed, that the annual income of this paper is one

thousand dollars and over, but as it is a private publication, we have no legal right to demand anything. We only desire to lay these facts before the Church, as many support the "Kirchenblatt" in the belief that by doing so they aid the work of the German Home Mission of the General Council, which is not the case.

Annual Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

Receipts.

Six Bonds of Lutheran Church, at Austin, Tex	$ 125 00	
Balance from last Report	163 61	
Surplus from Siloah, per Rev. A. Richter	75 00	
" " " per Rev. C. G. Fischer	24 39	
Contributions from Congregations and Individuals	1,054 96	$ 1,442 96

For Mission Purposes (designated by contributors):

Institution at Kropp	$ 285 10	
Church at Kingsbury, Texas	17 00	
Johnstown, Pa., Church building	5 00	$ 307 10
Total		$ 1,750 06

Disbursements.

For Missionaries:

Rev. A. Dietrich	$ 166 67	
Canada Synod for Winnipeg, Mission	300 00	
Rev. J. Deguisne	133 33	$ 600 00

Students:

E. Wittman, Philadelphia	$ 50 00	
P. Bœnish, Rochester	185 00	
K. Wanærke, Rochester	120 00	
P. Weller	140 00	$ 495 00

Amounts Forwarded as Designated:

Institution at Kropp	$ 285 10	
Kingsbury, Texas	17 00	
Johnstown, Pa	5 00	$ 307 10

Expense Account:

Record Book, Postage, Discount	$ 2 75
	$ 1,404 85

Recapitulation.

Received from all sources	$1,750 06	
Disbursements	1,404 85	
	$ 345 21	
Deduct amount of Austin Church Bonds	125 00	
Balance cash		$ 220 21

Pittsford, N. Y., October 5th, 1889.

G. H. GOMPH, *Treasurer.*

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 5th, 1889.

We, the committee to audit the report of the Treasurer of German Home Mission, have carefully examined the same and find it correct. Respectfully,

JAS. A. CHRIST,
C. SCHLOTTMAN.

Pending the consideration of the Report on German Home Missions, the item of the paper of the New York Ministerium, pertaining to the institution of Kropp, was taken out of the hands of the Committee, to which it had been referred, and the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that, after having given the most careful consideration to the whole question, with reference to the Seminary at Kropp, Germany, and taken final action at the Convention in Minneapolis, this Council respectfully declines to change its action on this subject.

It was resolved that on to-morrow morning we adjourn at 11:30 o'clock.

Adjourned: Prayer by Rev. Dr. Passavant.

FOURTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 12, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. O. V. Holmgrain. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The discussion of the report of the Committee on Preaching in Pulpits other than Lutheran, was resumed, and the report of the Committee on the Questions of the Ministerium of New York was read in connection with the same.

Permission was given to Rev. A. Cordes, Rector of the Mary J. Drexel Mother House of Deaconesses, to address the Council on the work of Deaconesses.

Adjourned ; Prayer by Rev. Dr. Kunkelman.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the Council were pleasantly entertained by the Young Men of the First English Lutheran Church, on board the Steamer Mayflower, which furnished a delightful trip, first down the Ohio and afterwards up the Monongahela rivers.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 14, 9 A. M.

Rev. M. C. Horine conducted the opening services ; and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on the Paper of the Ministerium of New York, was made the first order for this afternoon.

Mr. Henry Lehman was excused from further attendance at this Convention.

The chairman of the Committee on the Chicago Seminary, not being present, the consideration of the report on German Home Missions was resumed.

Rev. Dr. Passavant offered the following report on the Theological Seminary in Chicago :

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT CHICAGO, ILL.

The undersigned, having been designated by the General Council, at its Convention in Chicago, in connection with its President and Treasurer, to appoint a board of directors for the proposed Seminary, and who were authorized to make such arrangements, working towards the opening of the Seminary, as might be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the General Council, respectfully reports :

1. That the suit in Chancery referred to in last year's minutes, rectifying the mistake made in the original transfer of the property in Lake View, has been decided in a satisfactory manner, so that there is no longer any difficulty in giving a title to such portions of the property as are not available for Seminary purposes and which should be sold.

2. The narrow, wedge-shaped strip of the original grounds, containing about an acre and a half, which has been cut off from the Seminary grounds by the construction of the Chicago & Evanston Railroad, has been divided into lots of various depths and the plat duly surveyed, authorized and recorded. Five of these lots have been sold, the cash payments of which have met the heavy costs—amounting to upwards of $3,000, incurred by the paving of Clark street, the grading of Nellie street and Sheffield avenue, the construction of sewers and water mains, the assessments for sidewalks, gas lamps, etc., etc., together with legal expenses of the Chancery suit, the commission on sale of the lots, etc. The payments yet to be made are secured by bond and mortgage.

3. The remaining lots on Clark and Nellie streets have been withdrawn from sale for the present, as the property is rapidly increasing in value. We may, however, safely say that, at a moderate estimate, the sum of $15,000 will yet be realized from their sale and from the payments yet due on the lots sold. This amount will be available towards the erection of the first edifice of the proposed Seminary.

4. After all the preliminary work had been completed, and the necessary legal steps were about to be taken to obtain an incorporation of a board of directors, as contemplated by the action of the General Council at its Convention in 1886, the unexpected action of the Augustana Synod, at its Convention in June, 1889, made it necessary to defer further proceedings until the meeting of this Body, as the only way of avoiding new and embarrassing complications. This was the request of our Swedish brethren, to transfer to their Synod the property of the proposed Seminary without restrictions, so that the Theological department of the Augustana Synod might be removed to Chicago. As this request virtually implied the abandonment of the proposed Theological Seminary of the General Council in the West, for all time, and would involve the surrender of the valuable property of the Seminary to the original donor, the proposition of these brethren, in the form submitted, could scarcely be entertained. The significance of this movement, however, is of such vast importance to the whole future of our Church in the West, that it has occupied the anxious and prayerful thought of brethren whose praise in all the churches, and by whom a special report on this subject will be presented.

W. A. PASSAVANT.

The President also read a communication from the President of the Augustana Synod, upon the same subject, as follows:

To the President of the General Council :

"The Augustana Synod, at its last Convention, held in June, 1889, passed the following resolution: Resolved, that this Synod requests its delegates to the next Convention of the General Council, to petition that Body to devote and transfer to the Augustana Synod the property of the General Council held in Chicago, for the purpose of there establishing a Theological Seminary.

"S. P. A. LINDAHL,
"*President Augustana Synod.*"

Rev. Dr. Jacobs read a paper upon the same subject, whereupon this whole matter was referred to a special committee, as follows:

R v. Dr. Seiss,
" " Passavant,
" " Jacobs,
" " Weidner,
" S. P. A. Lindahl,
" Dr. A. Spæth,
" J. Steinhauser,
" J. Richter.
W. H. Staake, Esq.,
Mr. G. H. Moller,
" A. W. Potteiger,
" Langenstein,
" Kærcher.

Rev. Dr. Weidner, by permission, addressed the Council on the subject of the Chicago Seminary.

Rev. Richter offered a report on "Siloah," which was received as follows:

Report of the Editors of "Siloah."

The undersigned beg leave to report the following with regard to the official organ of the General Council for German Home Mission:

The number of subscribers has, as far as we know, remained about the same as before. We have been put to this work much against our own wish, and accepted it only with great reluctance. Still, we have tried to do our duty as well as we knew how and were able to. It is to be regretted that there are indeed but very few who take interest enough to contribute items and articles which might be of interest to the readers.

Since the cause of the Deaconesses and all that is connected with it so deservedly begins to excite the attention of our church, and a paper in the interest of that cause has already been spoken of and advocated, it might, perhaps, be not altogether out of place to allow a part of "Siloah" to be used by the leaders of the deaconesses

work for their cause. That would certainly be to a mutual advantage, give a new impulse to the paper and its contents, and further the interest in it.

Respectfully,

A. RICHTER,
B. BREZING.

FINANCIAL REPORT ABOUT "SILOAH"

From December 17th, 1888, to October 1st, 1889, inclusive.

Receipts

Handed over by the former editor	$ 52 02	
Rec'd from Rev. C. G. Fischer, for January to October, inclusive	542 93	
		$594 95

Expenditures.

For printing of 7,000 copies, $46 50 per month, January to September, inclusive	$418 50	
For cuts	7 00	
To E. Steiger & Co., for German papers	7 20	
Postage, checks and expressage	7 29	
Paid to the Treasurer	75 00	
		$514 99
Total amount received	$594 95	
" " paid out	514 99	
Cash on hand	$ 79 96	

This report has been examined and found correct by the same committee which audited the treasurer's report.

A. RICHTER.

It was resolved that the Committee on German Home Missions be authorized, if agreeable to the Board of Directors of the Mary J. Drexel Home and Philadelphia Mother House of Deaconesses, to give the Deaconess cause regularly a certain part of the monthly paper "Siloah" as the organ of that cause.

The report of the Committee on German Home Missions was finally adopted as a whole.

It was resolved that the recommendations given by the General Council, in 1884, at Monroe, Michigan, to the Lutheran "Kirchenblatt," published in Philadelphia and Reading, professing to be edited by members of the General Council, be and are hereby recalled and rescinded, and that the General Council at the same time declares

that it has no official connection whatever with the aforesaid publication. (See minutes, page 95).

Rev. Haas offered the reports of the German and Sweedish Immigrant Missionaries, and the Treasurer's Report of the Immigrant Mission Committee, which were received as follows;

Report of the German Missionary for Emigrants from September 1888 to September 1889.

The past year has been an especially eventful one for our Mission among emigrants, as we have succeeded in removing the last remnant of the debt resting on our Emigrant House. That our Mission among the emigrants is connected intimately with our Emigrant House, has found not only a firm support in the same, but also a field of activity, this is a fact satisfactorily evident from experience. The development of the Emigrant House must therefore prove also a blessing for our whole missionary activity at this important post, and has proved such also, especially during the past year.

Notwithstanding the decrease of emigration during the past year, our house has experienced no falling off in attendance, as the following statistics will show: We had

Guests in all	12,439
Of these payment was received from	12,058
Free lodging and boarding was given to	381
Free meals to	1,850
Letters, cards and dispatches received	5,634
Letters sent just as many.	

Concerning the receipts and expenses for the Mission in the financial year July, 1888—July, 1889, see the report of the treasurer.

The majority of the guests had been recommended to us by the ministers in their home, or by the missionary in the ports abroad and were received by us upon their arrival in Castle Garden. The friendly relations into which our house has entered to Castle Garden and *vice versa*, has, in the course of time, removed many inconveniences which we had to undergo formerly at the reception of our guests. The Board at Castle Garden even takes occasion to recommend our house to enquirers for a good lodging.

We were visited with many poor emigrants also in the past year. Besides the 381 who received free lodging, more than 4,000 substantial, nourishing meals were given for indigent emigrants. Besides we have given for support to poor emigrants the sum of $167.02 in cash.

Our correspondence is increasing from year to year, so we record this time 696 more letters, cards and dispatches than last time, in all 5,634.

But before all we keep our missionary work constantly in view in that manner, that we admonish and comfort the new arrivals as well privately as in the morning and evening services in our chapel, and by giving occasion to all, to thank the Lord for their happy passage, and by requesting all to connect themselves again in the new home and to serve their God in new thankfulness and faithfulness and to establish in this manner a happy home for themselves and to become useful citizens of this their adoptive country. All the rest comes then to this, as—the reception, boarding and lodging, rendering of good advice and counsel, and the forwarding of the guests, also frequently finding of situations, assistance and feeding of poor and counseling in all their matters.

That we have been permitted to serve the Lord another year, for this we render thanks unto him in our work, and ask him for pardon of our sinfulness and weakness.

To Him our work shall be offered with praying hearts. May He suffer this work to prosper in blessing through our mean services to the benefit of our church and to His honor.

Respectfully,

WM. BERKEMEIER.

Report of the Swedish Missionary, Axel B. Lilja.

To the Venerable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America :

GRACE AND PEACE!

The emigration from Sweden during the past year has been great, and especially in the Spring of this year did the tide of emigration rise high. The number of Scandinavian emigrants reached at least 59,000. Among these about 37,000 were Swedes, 14,000 Norwegians, and 7,000 Danes. It is worthy to note that the great majority consists of young people—the best working material of the Old Country. As a church, we must also consider that nearly all are, nominally, members of the Lutheran church. Our church in this country must do its utmost to gather these newcomers within her fold. We believe that the mission work among the emigrants serves to lead the stream of immigrants into the right channel. It has always been our aim to direct our emigrants to settle in Lutheran localities, and give them all information concerning our church in the United States.

Another part of our work has been the pastoral work in a spiritual sense. Many circumstances prepare the hearts of the emigrants for the good seed of the Gospel. Castle Garden is, therefore, a good field for sowing, and we believe that our churches will reap the fruits of this work. Even if the time is short, when the emigrant must hurry to his destination, a word in good season, will do a great deal of good. As usual, we have also distributed suitable tracts and religious papers.

When emigrants have been detained by sickness, or on account of other circumstances, we have often found most suitable opportunities to serve them. We have also been of service to those who have been prevented from landing on account of poverty. It has always been our aim to see that justice has been done, and we have supported the unfortunates as has been proper and right. We give material help to poor emigrants, as much as our means allow. The Augustana Synod has appropriated $200 for this purpose. It would be well if missionaries had ample means in order to help the poor.

We are glad that we have the "Lutheran Emigrant House," where we can gather our people. The house has gained in influence, and the Scandinavians are drawn to it more and more.

We hope that God will bless our efforts in the future as in the past, and that the General Council will encourage the work among the emigrants.

Asking for your prayers, I remain,

Your obedient servant,

AXEL B. LILJA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE EMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL, FROM JULY 1, 1888, TO JULY 1, 1889.

1888.

July 1.	To balance in Mission account.....	$267	48	
	" in Poor fund	105	87	
				$ 373 35

Receipts for Mission Account.

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Ladies' Societies and individuals, as published in the Church papers.....	$774	20	
Collected by Missionary, Rev. A. B. Lilja	15	00	
			$ 789 20

Receipts for Poor Fund Account.

Donations as above	722 90
Total	$1,885 45

Disbursements for Mission Account.

Salary of Missionary Rev. W. Berkemeier	$600 00	
" " " A. B. Lilja	400 00	
		$1,000 00

Disbursements for Poor Fund Account

Ninety-three cases of assistance to poor immigrants, in cash and for traveling purposes	$167 02	
4,620 cases meals given to poor immigrants while out of work	462 00	
		$ 629 02
Total disbursements		$1,629 02

1889.

July 1.	To balance in Mission account	$ 56 68	
	" in Poor fund "	199 75	
			$ 256 43
	Total		$1,885 45

New York, July 1, 1889. W. A. SCHMITTHENNER,
Treasurer.

New York, July 13, 1889. Examined and found correct.

W. HAUFF.
L. F. J. ANGER.

The report of the Ward's Island Mission was read and received as follows :

Report of the Emigrant Mission Committee for Ward's Island.

Your committee beg leave to submit to the venerable General Council a report extending over thirteen months, viz: from September 1, 1888, to October 1, 1889. Your chaplain, the Rev. L. H. Gerndt, has, during the past year, the fourteenth of his ministry on Ward's island, continued as heretofore in the performance of his duties with fidelity and conscientiousness. Divine services were held regularly every Lord's day in the morning, and during the past six

months also in the afternoon, (occasionally, when required, also in the English language). The average attendance at these services was twenty-four at the morning and sixteen at the afternoon services. This number is necessarily small, since most of the inmates of the institutions on Ward's island are there because of bodily infirmities, which render their attendance on Church service difficult, and in many cases impossible; while, on the other hand, their condition affords great opportunities for individual pastoral care of souls. During the past year the chaplain baptized thirty children, conducted seventy funeral services, (thirty-eight of them children), and administered communion to eighty-nine persons.

The Treasurer's report shows the receipts from July 1, 1888, to July 1, 1889, to be $516.50; the expenses during the same period of time by salary of chaplain, $500.00, leaving a balance on hand of $16.50. As shown by these figures, the income during the last year exceeded, somewhat, it is true, that of some previous years; but, nevertheless, it has not come up to what it should be, as the meagre compensation which the chaplain receives for his services clearly shows. In order to a conception as regards the extent of the field of operation offered to our missionary on Ward's island, it may be well to note that in 1888 the entire number of persons admitted to the institutions, which are under the control of the Commissioners of Emigration on this island, viz: the hospital, the insane asylum, and the refuge, was 4,136. The average number of persons in the institutions at one and the same time was 304. Out of those 4,136 inmates of these institutions, 935 were from Germany, 216 from Sweden, 52 from Norway, 17 from Finland; countries either entirely or for the most part Lutheran. If, after deducting a liberal estimate of Roman Catholics, we add to these figures a portion of the 658 immigrants from Russia, and the 251 from England, and a few of the 213 from Austria, the result will show (what the daily experience of the chaplain confirms) that approximately one-third of the entire number of inmates are protestants, most of them distinctively Lutheran. Accordingly, the congregation committed to the charge of Rev. Gerndt, though continually changing in its individual members, last year numbered 1,200 souls. The average number to whom his ministrations extend amounts to about 100 per day.

Your missionary has had to suffer much from the encroachments upon his domain and the invasion of his rights by the Romanists, who are strongly represented on the island. Our Lutheran church, which of all protestant churches has the greatest claim to a place in this field, where so many of her children are to be found as immi-

grants in a strange land, poor and forsaken, sick in body and spirit; here, too, is the only one of all the protestant churches which holds a grave, recognized position as the representative of them all, over against Rome. Therefore, certainly this important and peculiarly difficult mission should not be underestimated in its importance, or neglected. The state cares for the bodily wants of these poor people. Should not our church be ever mindful of her duty to care for the spiritual wants of those of her children who are found among the poorest of the poor? Therefore, this mission is commended anew to the entire General Council for its liberal support, and may the Lord continue to bless this work of love for his children.

Respectfully submitted.

YOUR COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE WARD'S ISLAND MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL, FROM JULY 1, 1888, TO JULY 1, 1889.

1888.
July 1. *Receipts.*

Donations from Synods, Congregations, Sunday Schools, Ladies' societies and individuals, as published in the church papers.....	$516 50

Disbursements.

Salary paid to Rev. L. H. Gerndt, missionary for one year, to July 1, 1889.....	500 00
1889. July 1. To balance on hand.....	$ 16 50

New York, July, 1, 1889. W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 13, 1889. Examined and found correct.

W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER.

It was resolved to hold a business session this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Passavent, Jr., offered the report of the committee on English Home Missions, which was received as follows:

Report of the Committee on English Home Missions.

THE FIELD.

Whilst the openings for English Mission work may be found all over the Eastern States, the main field for your committee's work is in the west. It is a vast field. One may take a steamboat at the mouth of the Mississippi river, and by the time he reaches the head of navigation in the Missouri, he will have covered a journey equal to the distance that stretches between New York and Constantinople; and, even then, he will be hundreds of miles within the interior of our immense western territory. This field contains a vast foreign population. From the United States census it appears that of the entire foreign immigration that has poured in upon us within the last fifty years, sixty per cent. has settled beyond the Mississippi. It is a mission field dotted with vast cities of marvelous growth. When the General Council was established, Chicago was about the size of Pittsburgh to-day, now it claims a population of 1,2000,000 inhabitants. In a single decade St. Paul increased 100 per cent., Minneapolis 244 per cent., and Denver 614 per cent.

In this mighty territory, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Utah constitute the *special* field of the General Council's English Missions. These States have 450,000 square miles, scores of cities, and millions of people. The Lord has called us to the work of founding English churches in this vast region, teeming with our foreign Lutheran people, and now, if ever, is the time to improve the great opportunity.

THE REGULAR WORK.

During the past year your committee, under the inspiration of what they saw and heard at the Convention at Minneapolis, has pushed the work. The officers of the committee were President, Dr. Jos. A. Seiss, Secretary, Dr. Samuel Laird, Treasurer, Mr. Henry Beates. The regular meetings were held with good attendance and manifest interest. The former missions at Toledo, O., Decatur, Ill., St. Paul, Minneapolis, Minn., and Fargo, Dakota, were supplied under missionaries Beates, Wagner, Haupt, Trabert, and Gerberding, whose efficient work is shown in the appended statistical table.

THE NEW WORK.

Acting upon the specific directions of the last General Council, your committee at once tried to secure a Superintendent of Missions. All their efforts were unavailing until a call was forwarded to the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., of Pittsburgh. It was at first declined,

but upon more mature deliberation, and at the pressing solicitation of earnest friends of the Mission cause, he accepted, upon condition that he have time to relinquish other engagements, and prepare to enter the work. On the 1st day of July, 1889, he assumed the office of Superintendent of English Missions, and though acting with the committee, before that, he has only since that time been in the service.

The appointment of a western Secretary, the salary of which officer was generously guaranteed by the Rev. Dr. Passavant for one year, was held in abeyance until the securing of a General Superintendent was made certain.

A new Mission was laid out in the important city of Newark, New Jersey, and sustained by the help of neighboring pastors, and of theological students until February of this year. Rev. A. W. Weber was then appointed, and is now in charge. A congregation with thirty-five charter members was organized March 10th, and the Mission has entered fully upon its work.

The attention of the committee was called to the importance of occupying the north-west coast by beginning work in Portland, Oregon, and Tacoma and Seattle, Washington. A missionary was invited to go there in December, but for reasons he declined. In February the necessity of prompt action became pressing, and Rev. W. K. Frick, of St. Peter, was asked, by telegraph, to visit the coast. His duties at the College of St. Peter prevented an immediate compliance, and Rev. G. H. Gerberding was commissioned to canvass the cities named in the interests of English Missions. In the meantime the earnest missionary spirit, now so characteristic a feature of the inner life of the Theological Seminary at Phila., manifested itself in the volunteering of four of the students for the western work, viz.: Messrs. Keever, Smith, Passavant, and Lintwed, so that Providence seemed to have the men ready for the new territory thus opening up. Rev. Gerberding's excellent canvass and careful examination of the field, followed by two months of house to house work by Rev. Frick, who followed him, prepared the way for establishing a second and third new Mission at Portland and Seattle; Rev. E. F. Keever, of Reading, was commissioned, and took charge of the latter point August 3rd, and Rev. M. L. Zweizig has been commissioned the missionary for Portland, Oregon, and will take charge October 20th.

The Mission, at West St. Paul, established by Rev. A. J. D. Houpt, in connection with his Mission in St. Paul proper, called Rev. W. L. Smith. He was commissioned and took charge July 1st. Red

Wing, at which Rev. G. H. Trabert established St. Paul's Mission, called Rev. C. B. Lintwed as pastor. He was commissioned, and on the 18th of August installed.

For several months your committee, impressed with the importance of Milwaukee, Wis., as a missionary center, with its fourteen foreign Lutheran churches, and 170,000 inhabitants, have been trying to secure a foothold there. It was resolved to begin a mission, and Rev. W. K. Frick was commissioned. He reached Milwaukee September 17th, and held the first English service on the 22d. This fourth new mission begins with bright prospects. A fifth new mission was entered upon our roll by the action of the Pittsburgh Synod, resolving to hand over to the General Council Home Mission Committee all the missions outside of its bounds, together with an amount sufficient to cover the appropriation for support. The committee accepted the mission at Cleveland which comes within the scope of this resolution, a flourishing congregation of ninety members, a chapel and valuable church lot, with ample parsonage, together valued at $15,000 and all practically free of debt. Rev. C. S. Kohler is pastor.

Upon the presentation of certain facts, and convinced of the importance of Salt Lake City, not only in its relation to Utah Territory but, strategically, to an extensive surrounding region, your committee began its sixth new mission by sending Rev. W. P. Shaner, of Allegheny, to that point. Unfortunately, physical disability prevented this earnest brother from prosecuting the work, and though regular English Lutheran services have since been maintained, with the help of Prof. Anderson and Rev. Krantz, the Swedish pastor, the mission is now vacant. As the experience of all churches, that on presenting mission work in Utah, proves that a Christian parochial school is an indispensable adjunct to a successfully conducted mission, and as in the Providence of God both the means and the teacher may be forthcoming to help in this projected mission in Salt Lake City, we suggest the following action :

Resolved, that when, in the judgment of the English Home Mission Committee, suitable teachers may be deemed essential to the successful prosecution of mission work, and when their employment can be provided for without seriously embarrassing the regular work of the committee, they be hereby authorized to employ them as part of the mission force.

Under the direction of the committee, Rev. G. H. Gerberding made a careful canvass of Sioux Falls, the Gate City of South Dakota, in the interests of the English work. Much valuable infor-

mation was obtained which will be utilized in the further development of this field. And we are pleased to state that through the enterprise of Rev. G. H. Trabert, and the kindly interest of a gentleman in St. John's mission, Minneapolis, who advanced the money at a nominal interest to purchase the lot, a new mission chapel has been built in West Minneapolis; the committee has decided to begin its *seventh* new mission in this promising quarter of the city, and we hope soon to report the locating of a pastor here and at Duluth, Minn., where the prospects are very bright and two years ago an organization was effected.

SUMMARY.

To summarize the results of the work of your committee, we have the following: Last year there were nine missions, with five missionaries in the field, reported. Now we are able to report fifteen missions, with twelve missionaries in the field. In ten missions there are 648 communicant members, and 946 teachers and pupils in the sunday schools. Of these, eight report eighty-one added to the church and thirty-six lost by death or removal. Nine have church and parsonage property valued at $105,200, with $28,807 of debt. On the whole, a splendid return for the amount of money invested in establishing and also for supporting these missions.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

As circumstances arise that call for the laying down of specific rules for the information of the missionaries, or the better conduct of the work, the following resolutions, adopted July 15th, are mentioned for the information of the Council.

Resolved, That no missionary or missionary congregation be allowed to commence another mission without previous permission, obtained from the Home Mission Committee on recommendation of the Superintendent of Missions; and such missions shall be under this committee.

Resolved, That no support be voted an organized mission congregation, except upon the written promise of such congregation, to pay a definite annual salary towards the support of the missionary.

Resolved, that hereafter the mission year begin September 1st, and that the quarterly reports of the missionaries must be sent in not later than the 1st day of December, March, June, and September, and that with the last quarter's report a full, detailed statement, covering the work of the year and the condition of the mission, together with an application for the amount of aid required, must be sent in by the Church Council.

A complete set of printed blanks for these returns, have been prepared and are submitted to the Council with this report.

FINANCES.

We are devoutly thankful to God that our finances are in a satisfactory condition. An abstract of the admirable report of the Treasurer, Mr. Henry Beates, 509 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa., will bring out some startling, sad but encouraging facts.

Balance as per last report, 1888.....	$	876 14
Total receipts to October 1st, 1889, an increase of 1,269.64 over 1888, exclusive of the receipts of September.....		5,397 89
	$	6,274 03
Total expenditures to October 1st, 1889.....	$	5,586 24
Balance on hand October 1st, 1889..... ...	$	687 79

Last year the General Council made certain apportionments to the District Synods, which they were expected to raise and pay into the treasury of this Committee for English Home Missions. According to the Treasurer's accounts, which, however, do not include any sums that may have been contributed directly to the specific missions for paying debts, building, etc., the following sums have been paid on their apportionments. Pennsylvania Ministerium, apportioned $5,000, paid $3,027.84; Pittsburgh Synod, apportioned $3,000, paid $1,179,17; District Synod of Ohio, sum apportioned $700, paid $393.39; Indiana Synod, apportioned $500, paid $638.24 including the $500 paid to Decatur Mission; New York Ministerium apportioned $800, paid $30. To the above $5,397.89 only 52 congregations contributed anything. These gave $1,894.38, but more than one-half of this sum, $995.92 came from *three* congregations. Only 22 Sunday schools contributed last year to General Council H. Missions, and they gave $1.038, but *three* schools gave $664.58. The sum of $751.00 was contributed by fifteen Womens' Missionary Societies, though $530 came from *two* of the fifteen. Individuals gave $378.10, but of twenty-four such gifts, two amounted to $190.

These figures, while they indicate the small present proportion of our giving to our great ability to give, show also the immense undeveloped resources that may be drawn upon in prosecuting our Home Mission work. If these 52 congregations but beckon to and are heard by their 432 partners, the other English and English-German congregations in the General Council, your Committee would be able to re-

joice with the whole Church in the wonderful things that might be accomplished in our efforts to catch men in the net of Lutheran Home Mission.

WHAT ARE OUR RESOURCES.

Or rather what are our plans to utilize our resources? First, we will endeavor to enlist the children in our Home Mission work. A speaker once said: "Save the children and you save the country; save this country and you save the world." When it is remembered that every ten years a generation of children pass through our Sunday schools, and that two generations have thus graduated since the Council was established, the great majority of whom have never had the first iota of Missionary information and Home Mission spirit imparted to them, it is easily seen what a grand opportunity we have neglected to educate and arouse to Christ-like effort the growing church. It was to begin this educational process that Childrens' General Council Mission Day was appointed by the Council. Its purpose was but imperfectly understood and it was not generally observed.

Hence, your Committee *Resolved* to request the General Council to consider the advisability of changing Childrens' Day from the Sunday after Ascension to the Sunday nearest the 31st of October.

As the Pittsburgh Synod resolved to celebrate October 27th this year as the Reformation Festival and Childrens' General Council Mission Day, the Superintendent of Missions invited all English pastors to have their Sunday schools unite in this simultaneous celebration. It has been heartily entered into, and 8,000 appropriate programs have been distributed to scores of schools and with them 11,000 envelopes for the childrens' offerings. Not only will this net a handsome sum for General Council Missions, but best of all, it will arrest the attention and deeply excite the interest of the little ones in the work of gathering in and saving souls.

It is with great satisfaction that we note the steady progress of the intelligent organization of the young people of the churches into Mission leagues and bands, and the women of the congregations into efficient working and Missionary Societies. Here, in the second place, is a powerful aid in developing and calling out the latent powers of our Church. There are now 40 leagues and 46 womens' societies for mission work, with many more not yet reported, that can be appealed to in emergencies and be counted upon for regular supplies to support the work. The Mission leagues have banded together to guarantee the salery of a Traveling Missionary for the West—and at this writing 18 leagues have raised $575.00 with little doubt that

more than enough will be pledged. We would respectfully suggest that this praiseworthy effort be suitably recognized, and that the necessity of more thorough organization for the spread of missionary intelligence, zeal and liberality within the congregations be pressed upon the pastors.

But inasmuch as these agencies can at best be but supplementary to the efforts of the individual congregations in vigorously sustaining your Committee in its rapidly growing work, we would call the attention of the General Council to the necessity of making a specific apportionment to the various district synods for the English Mission work leaving to the methods found most efficient in the respective synods the details of raising the apportionment. The amount of the salaries which your Committee have engaged to pay the laborers in the Missions for this year is $8,450. In addition to this $2,550 will be required for new work in the places that must be occupied the coming year. In a word, the English Home Mission Committee, if it is to do the work that God calls us to enter upon, must have $1,000 a month for the coming year, and we ask that the apportionment be made on a basis of $10,000. We have faith in God that the work will be blessed, and we have confidence in the cheerful willingness of the Church to honor the Lord with means to build up in our great American cities English Lutheran congregations to conserve and spread the truths of the Reformation.

DIFFICULTIES.

Two most serious difficulties meet us in doing aggressive work, the first is the *lack* of *ministers*. It is the burden upon every heart interested in the extension of Christ's kingdom, and should be laid upon the consciences of every parent, Sunday school teacher and pastor. We will not multiply words, but would suggest as a matter for serious consideration at this crisis of our Mission and Church work, the advisability of the President and vice-presidents of the General Council uniting in an appeal to the Christian parents in our congregations in God's name and for God's work to consecrate their sons to the ministry of the Gospel.

And the second difficulty, the stating of which will close this report, is that which cramps and retards and increases the expense of missions more than words can describe: *i. e., the entire absence of an adequate provision for church extension.* Is it not time to face this issue? Ample provision should be made at this convention for a church extension society or committee. The machinery can be devised and with a Superintendent of Missions to take provisional

charge of the interests of such a society, the aim of the project could be reached without additional expense for supervision—and it would prove an inestimable blessing to our overworked missionaries, and a source of encouragement and help to our struggling missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. PASSAVANT, JR.

STATEMENT OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

State and City.	When begun.	Name of Church.	Missionaries.	Communicants.	Baptisms.	Gains.	Losses.	Value of Church property.	Debts.	Teachers and Scholars.
NEW JERSEY.										
Newark	Feb., 1888.	Grace	Rev. A. M. Weber	37				No church.		43
OHIO.										
Toledo		St. Stephen's	Rev. J. F. Beates	123	22	27	2	$ 5,500	$ 1,785	163
Cleveland		Holy Trinity	Rev. C. S. Kohler	90	13	21	2	15,000	1,700	95
ILLINOIS.										
Decatur		First English	Rev. M. L. Wagner.	43	11	4		20,000	5,000	92
WISCONSIN.										
Milwaukee	Sep., 1889.	(Not organized)	Rev. W. K. Frick					No church.		
MINNESOTA.										
St. Paul	July, 1883.	Memorial	Rev. A. J. D. Haupt.	109	11	32	8	$ 12,000	4,656	99
"	——, 1888.	St. Mark's (not organized)	" "		1			3,700	1,816	37
"	——, 1886.	Trinity	Rev. W. L. Smith	31	6	12	3	6,000	2,500	63
Minneapolis	June, 1883.	St. John's	Rev. G. H. Trabert.	150	20	60	15	30,000	6,000	156
"	May, 1889.	Salem (not organized)	Vacant					6,000	4,600	
Red Wing	Dec., 1886.	St. Paul's	Rev. C. B. Lintwed.	36		15		No church.		60
Duluth	——, 1887.	Trinity	Vacant	6				No church.		
DAKOTA.										
Fargo	July, 1887.	St. Mark's	Rev G. H. Gerberding	23	7	10	6	$ 7,000	450	108
WASHINGTON.										
Seattle	Aug., 1889.	Holy Trinity (not organized).	Rev. E. F. Keever					No church.		30
OREGON.										
Portland	Aug., 1889.	(Not organized)	Rev M. L. Zweizig.					No church.		
UTAH.										
Salt Lake City	June, 1889.	(Not organized)						No church.		
Totals			12	648	90	81	36	$ 105,200	$ 28,807	964

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Receipts.

Receipts from congregations, fifty-two in number		$1,894 38
" " Sunday schools, twenty-two in number		1,038 82
" " Women's societies, fifteen in number		751 00
" " General Council publications		618 88
" " Synods, three in number		472 66
" " Individuals, twenty-four in number		373 10
" " Junior Mission Society		110 00
" " Miscellaneous sources		139 05
Receipts to October 1st, showing an increase of $1,269.64 over 1888, exclusive of those for September		$5,397 89
Balance as per last report, October 1, 1888		876 14
		$6,274 03

Expenditures.

Salaries of Missionaries and Mission Sup't	$4,870 27	
Expenses, including special agents to examine and open up new mission fields in the Northwest	715 97	
		5,586 24
Balance on hand October 1st, 1889		$ 687 79

Of the $1,894.38 from	52	congregations,	$995.92 came from three.
Of the 1,038.82 from	22	Sunday sch'ls,	664.58 came from three.
Of the 751.00 from	15	Women's So's,	530.00 came from two.
Of the 472.66 from	3	Synods,	361.77 came from one.
Of the 373.10 from	24	individuals,	190.00 came from three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY BEATES, *Treasurer*,

Philadelphia, October, 1, 1889. 509 Market Street.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Lindahl.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 14, 2 P. M.

Rev. Haas conducted the opening services. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The following report from the Auditing Committee was adopted:

We have carefully audited and proved the General Expense Fund account of W. H. Staake, Esq. treasurer of the General Council, ad

find the same correct. We have also examined the Foreign Mission Fund, "Missionsbote" and "Foreign Missionary" accounts, and find that they have been certified by the Auditing Committee as having been audited, proved and found correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

ISAAC S. MOTTER,
C. R. LANTZ,
J. D. KÆRCHER.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on English Home Missions was received, and its first recommendation was adopted; and finally the report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on the Paper of the Ministerium of New York and that of the Canada Synod, offered a report, which was received and partly considered, when leave was given to the Delegates of the Ministerium of New York to withdraw the paper of their Synod for the purpose of amending the same, according to the action of said Synod upon its subject matter, taken in 1876, as recorded in the minutes.

It was ordered that a summary of the report of the Treasurer of English Home Missions be published in connection with the report of the English Home Mission Report.

It was resolved that we recommend to the Mission Committees to make provision, if possible, for the payment of the necessary traveling expenses of their members in attending their meetings; and that a committee be appointed at once to report at this meeting upon a plan of securing a *church extension fund to aid in the work of Home Missions.* The President appointed the committee as follows: Rev. Dr. Repass, Rev. Dr. Belfour, Rev. G. H. Trabert, Mr. Leiss, Mr. G. F. Lerch.

Rev. Lindahl offered the report of the Committee on Swedish Home Missions, which was adopted as follows:

Report of Home Mission Committee of the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod.

To the Honorable General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

The Swedish Committee on Home Missions finds itself not a little embarrassed in presenting its report for the past year. The general mission work of the Synod has been greatly taken out of the hands of the Central Committee and been absorbed more and more by the Conferences, through which it is carried forward.

Within the older Conferences new fields are constantly opening, through the stream of emigration, by which new settlements are being made from year to year, calling time and again for pastors to break unto them the bread of life. In consequence of this great extension of our mission field, the means at our command are altogether inadequate for the work to be done in the several Conferences, of which there are now seven. This condition of things has left our General Committee without means, so that, for what it has done in order to help the three weakest Conferences—the New York, the Nebraska and the Pacific—the committee has been obliged to borrow money.

The income of the General Committee for the year has been only $1,665.50, whilst the expenditures amounted to $4,233.50, leaving an indebtedness of $2,568.20. When to this is added a deficit in the treasury of the committee, at the beginning of the year, of $4,056.70, the amount of the indebtedness incurred to carry forward this part of our work has reached the large sum of $6,624.90. The causes which have led to this deplorable condition of things are threefold: 1. The failure of crops during the past two or three years in large districts of several of the Conferences, and the general depression of business in consequence of it. This has been especially the case in Minnesota and Kansas, in which Conferences there was a marked falling off in the contributions for mission work. This falling off is in no case owing to a decrease of interest in the mission work of the Synod, but solely to the straightened circumstances of many of our people.

2. A second cause for our unsatisfactory financial condition is to be found in the hard struggle we have had to keep our institutions of learning from sinking beneath the burden of heavy debt. Appeal after appeal has been made to our people, and agents and collectors for our several colleges have been continually in the field soliciting funds in order to prevent our educational work from suffering, perhaps irreparable injury, because of a lack of means to carry it forward.

3. The extent of the mission field in the individual Conferences, requiring all the means they were able to raise, and more, in order to carry forward their own direct mission work.

We have reached a lamentable crisis in our church work. The field is too immense, and to meet the demands upon us will tax the generosity and liberality of our churches to an extent beyond what they are able to bear. The present outlook is therefore gloomy, but we neither will nor can despair, because He who has hitherto helped

us so wonderfully will not forsake us in this time of need, for "He is faithful that promised."

That the mission work, however, in our Synod has not come entirely to a standstill, is clear from the fact that during the past year there was collected in the Minnesota Conference $4,438.33 for Home Missions; in the Illinois Conference, $4,312.48; in the Iowa Conference, $1,126.64; in the New York Conference, $2,318.49; in the Kansas Conference, $968.76; in the Nebraska Conference, $2,250.78; and in the Pacific Conference, $486.15; making a total for this branch of our work in the Synod of $15,901.63. It is worthy of note to state that the smallest Conferences have contributed the largest amounts in proportion to their membership, as *e. g.* the Nebraska Conference, with but 3,325 communicants, contributed $2,250.78 for Home Missions, and the Pacific Conference, with 1,020 communicants, contributed $486.15. This Conference had but one self-sustaining congregation up to the beginning of this year, but the number has since been increased to five.

When we take into consideration that the above amounts have not only been expended for Home Missions by the Conferences, but that all of them have been obliged to borrow money in addition to meet the most pressing demands on the mission field, we are safe in saying that there has been expended in our Swedish Home Mission work during the year not less than $22,000.00.

We regret to be unable to report the exact number of missions under the care of the Augustana Synod, but it is, exclusive of the missions among the Mormons in Utah, about 150, inasmuch as the average expenditure for each mission is only $150.00 per annum, some receiving a greater, whilst others receive a much smaller amount.

An idea of the rapid growth of our work is seen from the fact that we have in our Synod no less than 194 vacant congregations out of a total of 582, or exactly 33⅓ per cent. We would call attention to just one new field permanently occupied during this year, viz: Manitoba; but there are scores of places where missionaries might reap glorious harvests for the Lord had we the men and the means with which to support them.

An important branch of our Home Mission work, which is, however, sometimes associated with the foreign work, is the mission among the Mormons in Utah. This mission was begun in Salt Lake City in 1881, and has been carried forward with much self-denying labor. In Salt Lake City there is now a fine church building with pastor's residence, and an ever increasing congregation is gathering

around the word of God. Seventy communicants, most of which have been reclaimed from Mormonism, is the result of our missionary labors at this point. We can best give this part of our report in the words of the Secretary of the Mission Committee in his report to the Augustana Synod at the last session:

The past year has been one of very great importance for our Utah mission. That is now in reality the general mission of our Synod, and it is indeed a matter that we may well rejoice over that our christian people take the deep interest in it as we find to be the case. It has taken a great step in advance during the year. The congregation in Salt Lake City has, under the faithful care of Pastor Krantz, grown in both internal and external development. Rev. Krantz has also devoted as much time as the circumstances would allow, to the work outside of Salt Lake City. It may be especially mentioned that Pastor Krantz visited many of the congregations of our Synod during last summer and autumn, in order to collect money for the building of new churches in Utah, and that he received much encouragement from the many friends of this Mission.

The congregational schools in Salt Lake City also deserve special mention. It has, under the skillful direction of the student, B. Anderson, enjoyed an encouraging degree of development, so that it numbered during the last school year fifty-one scholars. We have great reason to believe that this school will be a great help for us in our work in Salt Lake City, and possibly throughout the whole of Utah. That the immediate future of the school is promising, is assured by the fact that Mr. Anderson has accepted the call to continue at its head for another year. He possesses the qualifications which characterize a first-class pedagogue. Miss Carrie Engstrom has also rendered good service as assistant teacher.

In our last report we mentioned that Rev. U. Hedeen was called to labor as a missionary in Provo; now we rejoice to be able to state that he accepted the call, and has been in the field the whole year. Through his faithful labors, a neat church has been built in Provo, in which he now gathers our countrymen around God's Word. A part of the money necessary to build the church was collected by Rev. Hedeen in the Minnesota Conference, and the remainder by Rev. Krantz during his collecting tour last Fall. Pastor Hedeen's field is indeed a rock-bound soil, but through the influence of the Word of God it will bloom into a joyful mission field.

A year ago the Mission Committee tendered a call to Rev. A. Stenborg to begin a mission in Mount Pleasant, a city in southern Utah, where a considerable number of Scandinavians have settled.

Pastor Stenborg did not accept the call to be a permanent missionary in Utah, but promised to labor there for six months. He labored there for that length of time, and the Lord has given His blessing to his work. A number have been led, through the preaching of the Word, to a knowledge of Christ as the Saviour of sinners. The committee has now again renewed the call to Rev. Stenborg, to enter permanently upon the mission work in Utah, so that the good work in Mount Pleasant may continue.

By the acceptance of the call of the committee to Pastor F. A. Linder to take charge of a mission in Ogden, another very important field has been occupied. Ogden is the second city in Utah and a great railway and business center. The number of our countrymen in the city and vicinity, is also quite large. For a number of years the committee had sought to station a missionary in that city, and called one after another, but without success, until Rev. Linder accepted the call. The prospects for success in Ogden are the same as at the other places occupied in Utah. Faithful and patient work is necessary, but the committee has no doubt but that the proper man has been found for the place. Another reason for the hope that the work will advance uninterruptedly at that place, is the fact that we there have a suitable lot and house of worship, the initiative for the securing of which was taken by Rev. Linder in consultation with the president of the Synod when he visited Utah. By a petition to the pastors' wives in the Synod, Rev. Linder has succeeded in gathering a snug sum of money toward the building of a permanent church. In the report of the President to the last meeting, held in Rock Island, Ill., he says: "When I visited Utah (in the Autumn of 1888), we had no regularly organized work there, except in Salt Lake City. I visited several other places, particularly the newly occupied mission stations—Ogden, Provo, and Mount Pleasant. The selection of those cities for mission work, I found to be made with careful consideration, since they will be centers from which the several new settlements in the Territory, can be easily reached.

"The sacrifices which are demanded and which have been made, and the work which has been done, have already borne fruit. The question, therefore, arises, how shall we order our work so as to, as far as lies in our power, make it still more fruitful? Among the Scandinavians living in Utah, the smallest number are Swedes, and we can not labor with very great success among Norwegians and Danes in consequence of the difference in language. But inasmuch as the youth of those people—which are, indeed, the most hopeful field for our mission work—almost exclusively make use of the lan-

guage of this country, and can not easily be reached in a language which they scarcely understand, it is my conviction that the prospect for Swedish mission work and Swedish congregations in the many towns in Utah, is not what it is generally believed to be. A possible stream of immigration into the Territory might, indeed, change matters; but in so far as our mission is for the purpose of saving persons led astray into Mormonism, and to labor successfully among the present population of Utah, we should not lay too great stress upon our own mother tongue, but should make use of that language by which all of the straying children of our Lutheran church, can be most easily reached. There is scarcely a single town or settlement where there could not be established a Swedish-Norwegian-Danish-German Lutheran mission, which could be carried forward with success in the language of the country, whilst over against this, the places in which we can hope to establish permanent Swedish congregations, are easily counted. I therefore believe that for the successful development of the mission work it would be a great blessing if we, from the beginning, could place ourselves in such relation to the English Lutheran mission operations recently begun in Utah, so that we could reciprocally aid each other in the work."

The President also calls attention to the importance of the educational work in Utah and that the school in Salt Lake City has become the "Augustana Academy," to serve as an institution for more advanced education in the Territory.

In addition to what has been reported by our emigrant missionary in New York, we would state that an emigrant mission has been established in Boston during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. P. A. LINDAHL.

The President appointed the following Committee on Nominations for the several mission committees of this Council :

Rev. Dr. T. L. Seip,
" E. Smith,
" Richter,
" J. F. Fahs,
" O. V. Holmgrain,
" A. J. D. Haupt.

Mr. W. Hauff,
" G. D. Swaim,
" E. L. Ridenour.

The report of the Commttee on Foreign Missions was adopted as a whole.

Adjourned, to meet at 7:30 p. m.: Prayer by Rev. S. L. Harkey, D. D.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 14, 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Prof. Richards, D. D., conducted the opening services. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

Rev. Haas offered the paper of the New York Ministerium, as amended by the delegates of said body, which was referred to the committee to which said paper had originally been committed; and the report thereon was made the order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The Committee on the Minutes of last year's Convention reported as follows, and the report was received, considered by items, and finally adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST CONVENTION.

The following items, not yet brought before the Council, claim attention:

1. The Church Book Committee was instructed to proceed with the publication of the Church Book in its enlarged and revised form; pages 12–13.

2. The same committee was also instructed to revise the orders for Ministerial Acts, and authorized to publish the same; page 12.

3. The German and Swedish recording secretaries were instructed to have printed in these languages, the sermon preached by the retiring President at the opening of the last Convention of the General Council in Minneapolis; page 25.

4. The Committee on English Home Missions was instructed to appoint "one or more missionary secretaries, superintendents or agents as soon as practicable;" page 25.

5. The Committee on the Divine Law of Marriage reported progress, and was continued; page 39.

6. A committee was appointed on Woman's Work, consisting of Revs. C. Kœrner, R. F. Weidner, D. D., and Mr. M. L. Melander; page 40.

7. The Committee on Sunday School Work was continued with instructions to "arrange and issue a Series of Lessons for our Sunday schools, based on the Church Year, and to have the same ready for use by the coming Advent Season;" and further to "invite, and take such steps as may be necessary to secure the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in the selection of such lessons."

8. The Committee appointed to arrange the Constitution, By-laws, Standing Resolutions, Declarations, etc., was continued, with instructions to proceed with the work; page 66.

S. A. REPASS,
A. L. RIDENOUR,
H. W. ROTH,
WM. CAMPIONI,
GEO. C. F. HAAS.

The Church Book Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

Report of Church Book Committee.

The Church Book Committee respectfully reports that during the past year the committee has given as much time and attention to the work committed to them as the other engagements of its members rendered possible. A joint meeting with the committees of the General Synod and United Synods was held in November, in order to secure an official record of action concerning the common service, and to endeavor to adjust differences which existed between the service adopted by the Council and United Synod of the South on the one hand, and the General Synod on the other. In the former end the meeting was successful, and an official record is now in the hands of each of the committees. In the latter end the differences were only partially adjusted. At succeeding meetings the committee thoroughly revised and finally adopted the translation of ministerial acts, which have been submitted to the council, completed and translated all the rubrics, prayers for the sick and dying, so far as submitted to the committee. The ministerial acts in both languages are now complete. The orders for ordination, installation of pastor and church officers, laying of corner stones and consecration of church, and opening and closing of Conferences and Synods, remain to be prepared. Work has been begun on these acts. It is not expected that any difficulties in the preparation of these acts, will be encountered. Nothing has been done by the joint committee on revision of Catechism and Augsburg Confession. If the Council so order, the entire church book, with ministerial acts, may appear during the coming year.

A sub-committee is engaged on the "Mission Hymn Book," ordered by the Council.

THE COMMITTEE.

The committee was ordered to publish the order for ministerial acts, as far as prepared, as soon as possible.

The *third* and *fourth* questions raised by the report on last years' minutes were answered affirmatively.

The Committee on the Divine Law of Marriage offered no report. Rev. Dr. A. Spæth was placed on said committee instead of Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, deceased.

No member of the Committee on Woman's Work was present, nor was there any report from them. A new committee was therefore appointed, consisting of Revs. D. M. Kemmerer, Dr. E. Belfour and W. A. Passavant, Jr.

The Committee on Printing By-laws, Constitution, etc., was continued.

The Committee on Sunday school work presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report of the Committee on Sunday School Work, Appointed at Chicago, 1886.

The Committee on Sunday School Work, appointed at Chicago in 1886, has the honor to report as follows:

At the meeting of the Council last year, your committee was instructed to "arrange and issue a Series of Lessons for our Sunday schools, based on the Church Year, and have it ready for use by the coming Advent season."

The committee met shortly after the adjournment of the Council, and, after considering the above resolution in all its bearings and implications, decided that the only practicable course open to it, was to enter into an arrangement whereby the "Church Lesson Leaf" and "The Helper," published by the Lutheran Book Store, Philadelphia, be edited during this year by the committee, using the lessons for the first year of the "Lesson Leaf" schedule submitted in the committee's report one year ago. Satisfactory arrangements of this kind were concluded with the publisher of the "Church Lesson Leaf" and "The Helper." Your committee has edited these during the year, aided in special departments by the Rev. W. Wackernagel, D. D., and the Rev. S. E. Ochsenford; and the lessons have been those of the first year of the proposed "Lesson Leaf" schedule, conformed as closely as possible with the Church Year.

Efforts have been continued to secure the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies, in the selecting of the lessons. As your committee

is now merged into a larger committee, the same will present a special report.

J. F. OHL,
H. N. FEGLEY,
M. H. RICHARDS,
W. K. FRICK,
G. F. SPIEKER,
D. K. BUEHRLE,
R. A. BÆR.

Report of the General Council's Enlarged Committee on Sunday School Work.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of the Council, at Minneapolis, respectfully submits the following report:

Having given due consideration to the action of this body, your committee presents the following resolutions, as, in its judgment, most suitable to carry it into effect:

1. *Resolved*, That for the year, from Advent, 1889–90, the schedule submitted by the committee previouly appointed, be adopted, with the addition of supplemental leaves for the fifth Sundays of the months.

2. *Resolved*, That, until further orders from this Body, the present arrangements for publication be continued.

3. *Resolved*, That the committee make the best possible arrangements with the publisher, toward complying with the desire expressed in the resolutions of last year, for securing revenue for this Body, from these publications.

4. *Resolved*, That this committee be authorized to prepare the schedule of lessons for the year, from Advent, 1890–91, and edit the same.

5. *Resolved*, That the vice-presidents of the General Council, be requested to call the attention of the churches in our District Synods, to these publications, and to urge upon those making use of English Lesson Leaves, to adopt this series authorized by the General Council.

J. F. OHL,
G. W. MECHLING,
M. H. RICHARDS,
H. W. ROTH,
H. N. FEGLEY,
S. P. A. LINDAHL.

The report of the enlarged Committee on Sunday School Work was made the first order for to-morrow morning.

Adjourned: prayer by Rev. A. F. Siebert.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Smith. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the enlarged Committee on Sunday School Work was taken up, considered by items, and finally adopted.

Permission was given to Rev. Glassow, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Johnstown, Pa., to address the Council in regard to the condition and wants of Lutherans in that afflicted city; and it was afterwards resolved: That the brethren in Johnstown be affectionately commended to the liberality of all our churches, for help in rebuilding their church.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs offered the report of the Committee on the Paper of the Ministerium of New York. The first item and the first two sentences of the second item thereof, were adopted, when two substitutes for the third were offered and referred to the committee; whereupon the Council adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Schmauk.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15, 2 P. M.

Rev. Richter conducted the opening services. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on the Paper of the Ministerium of New York reported a substitute for the third declaration in the second item of their report, which, after thorough discussion, was adopted. Finally, the report of the committee was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Questions, prepared by the Rev. Ministerium of New York and the Canada Synod.

1. The first request of the Rev. Ministerium of New York is embodied in the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That our delegates to the General Council be and are hereby instructed to request of that Honorable Body, at its present

meeting, a clear and positive statement as to its interpretation of the Galesburg Rule; whether or not it receives and interprets it in the sense in which the Rev. Ministerium of New York interpreted and adopted it in 1876, to-wit: The Synod approves the Galesburg Rule as correct, and declares its agreement to it. It instructs its pastors to labor with all wisdom and fidelity, to the end that their practice may conform more and more to this rule."

On this we recommend the following: The Council respectfully suggests to the Rev. Ministerium of New York, that a more proper mode of submitting such question would be as to whether the acceptance and interpretation of the Galesburg Rule by the Rev. Ministerium of New York, agrees with the action of the General Council.

The action of the Rev. Ministerium of New York, in 1876, is simply an endorsement of the action of the General Council in 1875. It was reported to the General Council in Bethlehem, in 1876, together with the action taken by other synods of the General Council. The reports of the delegates from the Ministerium of Pennsylvania—Drs. Greenwald, Krauth, Schmucker, Spæth, Belfour, and the Pittsburgh and Indiana Synods, and of the President of the District Synod of Ohio, to their respective synods, presented at the same time to the General Council, deal with the question of the interpretation of the Rule, and affirm that at the time of the passage of the Galesburg Rule by the General Council, the distinct statement was made that all preceding action of the General Council on Pulpit and Altar Fellowship, was unchanged. The General Council, neither at Bethlehem nor since, has seen fit to take action upon the interpretations thus made by any of its district synods.

The delegation of the Rev. Ministerium of New York having, as a matter of privilege, had leave to withdraw their original paper, in order to offer another, giving a more clear and explicit statement of the action of their body in 1876, to which they wish the attention of this Council directed, have presented a paper which has been referred to your committee. On examination, we find that this paper consists of two parts. The first treats of the action of the General Council in past years, which, however relevant to the discussion of the subject, is not within the sphere of the privilege accorded to the delegation, simply to restate the action taken by their Synod in 1876.

As the question presented in the second part, which the Rev. Ministerium of New York wishes the Council to answer, is manifestly as to the relation of the Galesburg Rule to the Akron Declaration, your committee recommends the following: Inasmuch as the General Council has never annulled, rescinded or reconsidered the

declarations made at Akron, Ohio, in the year 1872, they still remain, in all their parts and provisions, the action and rule of the General Council.

All subsequent action of the General Council is to be understood and interpreted according to the principles there determined and settled.

The true purport and effect of the action at Galesburg was to add to the declaration at Akron a statement of the source of the rule, and that, in all other respects, that declaration in all its parts was left unchanged. (English Minutes of General Council, Bethlehem, Pa., 1876; pp. 29–30.) The present position of the General Council is to be understood and interpreted in such manner that neither the amendment and further explanation at Galesburg, nor the original action at Akron, be overlooked or ignored; both of which remain in full force and mutually interpret and supplement oneanother.

2. The second matter presented by the Rev. New York Ministerium is: *Resolved*, "That the Rev. New York Ministerium cannot justify the action taken by the General Council with reference to the withdrawal of the Michigan Synod." This is intended simply for the information of the Council, and calls for no action.

3. The third request made of the General Council to re-consider its action with reference to the Theological Institution at Kropp, has already been answered.

4. As to the request of the Canada Synod concerning the establishment of a scientific journal in the German language for theological circles within the General Council, we recommend that, while the attainment of such end is highly desirable, and is earnestly commended to the consideration of our German brethren, the General Council is not prepared to undertake it.

HENRY E. JACOBS,
EDMUND BELFOUR,
FRANK VEIT,
ENOCH SMITH,
A. W. POTTEIGER,
GEO. F. LERCH.

The German and English recording secretaries were instructed to communicate the answer of this body to the questions of the Ministerium of New York, officially, in writing.

The Committee on the President's Report offered the following, which was received, considered by items, and adopted:

Report of the Committee on the President's Report.

The report of the President, placed in the hands of your committee presents a number of items for the action of the Council.

DEATH OF DR. SCHMUCKER.

I.—He refers at the very commencement of it to the sad death of the Rev. Beale Melancthon Schmucker, D. D., which occurred very soon after our last convention. Dr. Schmucker was so intimately connected with the life and work of the General Council, that it is fitting for us to take appropriate action in reference to his departure from among us, which is so greatly lamented. He participated in the deliberations held at Lancaster, Pa., in 1866, which resulted in the issuing of a Call for a meeting "for the purpose of forming a union of Lutheran Synods," and led to the organization of the General Council. He was present at that preliminary convention at Reading, Pa., in December of the same year, and at nearly every convention of the General Council since that time, and was always found taking a very active part in its proceedings. Fully acquainted as he was with all the works and movements of the church, well posted in the proper methods of conducting public assemblies, ready in resource, clear in judgment, a master in discussion, he exercised a commanding influence in all our meetings. He was recognized as a true exponent of Lutheran doctrine and cultus, to which he was devoted with a confidence and firmness which conviction of the truth only begets, so that he became distinguished among his brethren as a wise counsellor and a reliable guide. With untiring industry and activity he gave himself to the work of the church, and in many ways his great gifts, his varied learning and eminent ability, were unselfishly, unreservedly and continuously employed for the successful and marked advancement of her interests. His services in committee and on the floor of the Council were invaluable. To specify the various departments of work in which he labored would carry us over the entire range of church activity; but it is simply due to him to state, without disparaging what others have done, that to him preeminently we are indebted for our admirable Church Book. For many years he labored upon it with untiring industry and zeal. His profound learning, his patient and assiduous research, his nice sense of the proprieties of worship, his excellent literary taste, his keen and discriminating judgment, all were employed in perfecting it. The completed service fell from his hands as he fell into the arms of death. It may be said to be the great work of his life.

And now that his kindly spirit has passed away from among us, be it resolved on this day, the anniversary of his death:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the favor of Divine Providence in granting to our church so able and devoted a servant as Dr. Beale M. Schmucker.

2. That we deeply sympathize with the members of his family in their sore bereavement, and commend them to the guidance of God and the consolation of His grace.

3. That we will cherish his memory, and so bear in mind the manliness of his character, and the Christian traits he exhibited, as that moved by this sudden removal of one who, in human estimation, could not be spared, we will be quickened to greater fidelity in the performance of duty and to better preparation for the hour when the Master calls us away from the scene of our earthly labors.

II.—Inasmuch as the communication from the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, cannot be found among the papers of Dr. Schmucker, to whom it was referred that he might prepare a draft of an answer to it,

Resolved, That the English corresponding secretary be instructed to write to the House of Bishops and inform them of the reason why no reply had been made to their communication.

III.—*Resolved*, That the action of the President in releasing Rev. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., and Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, at their request, from serving on the committees to which they were severally appointed, and appointing other brethren in their places, be approved.

IV.—Our attention is again called to the great wrongs inflicted upon our brethren in the faith, living under the control of the Russian authorities. Althoug we feel that we are helpless, by any earthly means, to reach such a powerful, tyrannical and distant government and move it to just and righteous dealing with the Christians whom it now persecutes, yet we are not without resource, and in accordance with the recommendation of the retiring President,

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran churches, in General Council assembled, "In the name of God and righteousness and in dutifulness to our holy Christian faith and confessions, express and record our indignant PROTEST against the wrongs and oppressions imposed on such vast numbers of our fellow believers" in the Russian dominions, and "declare our deep sympathy with them in their sore affliction, and earnestly implore the Almighty Head of the church to direct them in their trouble, to sustain them in the confession of His name, and to send them speedy deliverance according to His infinite wisdom, goodness and mercy."

V.—It is gratifying and encouraging to learn that a handsome legacy has been left by a faithful member of one of our churches, to be appropriated to the cause of Foreign Missions. It is recommended that the trustees of the Council be instructed, carefully to dispose of this bequest according to the terms of the will of the donor and the laws of the State under which we are chartered,

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL LAIRD,
J. STEINHAUSER,
FR. KRACKE,
S. P. A. LINDAHL,
GEO. H. MOLLER,
J. F. FAHS.

The Committee on the Communication from the House of Bishops was continued, with the substitution of the name of Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D., for that of Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

After the adoption of the fourth item of the report of the Committee on the President's report, by resolution, Rev. Dr. Seiss, led the Council in fervent prayer, on bended knees, in behalf of our afflicted and persecuted brethren in the empire of Russia.

The English corresponding secretary was instructed to communicate to the family of Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, the action of this Body in regard to his death.

Rev. Dr. Repass offered the report of the Committee on Church Extention, which was received, amended, and adopted, as follows;

Report of Committee on Plan for Church Extension Society.

The committee would submit the following recommendations:

1. That the nature and importance of this work be especially pressed upon our congregations by the pastors and through the church papers, in order that the membership may contribute to its support by their offerings and be led to remember the same by bequest and legacy.

2. That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the proper arrangements to be made for the promotion of church extension, and that they confer with the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society now in existence and approved by the General Council in reference to this matter.

3. That until permanent arrangements are made, all funds raised for this cause be placed in the treasury of the Lutheran Mission

and Church Extension Society, to be held and managed by it in trust for the Council, in accordance with the purposes and intentions of the donors.

S. A. Repass,
Edmond Belfour,
G. H. Trabert,
Levi H. Leiss,
Geo. F. Lerch.

The President appointed the committee, as required in No. 2 of the above report, as follows:

Rev. Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg,
" " A. Spæth,
" " H. E. Jacobs,
" E. E. Sibole,
Mr. Henry Lehman,
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.,
Mr. Washington Miller.

The Committee on Nominations reported, and their report was received as follows:

The committee appointed to make nominations for the Committees on Home Missions, English and German, the Emigrant Mission and Foreign Missions, respectfully present the following report:

Committee on English Home Missions.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss,
" " S. Laird,
Mr. Henry Beates,
Rev. F. J. F. Schantz,
" Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D. D.,
" Dr. Jacob Fry,
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.,
Rev. Dr. S. A. Repass,
" H. Peters,
Mr. Henry Lehman,
" H. W. Kurtz,
J. H. Wolfe, Esq.,
Mr. Jacob Mohr,
" E. R. Artman,
" A. G. Sæger.

Committee on German Home Missions.

Rev. A. Richter,
" J. Nicum,
" G. H. Gomph,
" J. Steinhæuser,
" J. Brezing,
" F. Veit,
" T. H. Becker,
" J. A. Timm,
Mr. J. G. Wagner,
" D. Bantleon,
" J. Christ,
" F. Schlegel,
" F. Fischer,
" C. Schlottman,
" J. Roggmann.

Immigrant Mission Committee.

Rev. J. H. Baden,
Mr. W. Hauff,
" W. A. Schmitthenner,
Rev. C. E. Lindberg,
" J. C. J. Petersen,
" Geo. C. F. Haas,
Mr. L. F. Anger,
" R. J. Mannheim,
" Charles Petterson.

MISSIONARIES.

Rev. W. Berkemeier,
" A. B. Lilja.

Committee on Foreign Missions.

Rev. Prof. A. Spæth, D. D.,
" H. Grahn,
" Wm. Ashmead Schæffer,
W. H. Staake, Esq.,
Rev. M. C. Horine,
" E. E. Sibole,
" Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Ph.D.,
" Prof. W. J. Mann, D. D.,
" G. C. Gardner,
" F. P. Bender,
" E. H. Pohle,
Rev. Prof. C. W. Schæffer, D. D., LL. D.,
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,
" J. L. Sibole,
" J. E. Niedecker,
" P. J. O. Cornell,
Mr. Fred Bauer,
" J. W. Miller.

Respectfully submitted.

T. L. SEIP,
ENOCH SMITH,
A. RICHTER,
J. F. FAHS,
O. V. HOLMGRAIN,
A. J. D. HAUPT,
W. HAUFF,
G. D. SWAIM,
A. L. RIDENOUR,
} Committee.

Adjourned, to meet this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 15, 7:30 P. M.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. F. J. F. Schantz. The roll was called and the minutes were read and approved. Rev. J. Nicum offered the report of the Committee on Statistics, which was adopted as follows ;

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

In accordance with the recommendation of your committee, the Council last year resolved that it would indeed be desirable if all Synods would use the same form of a parochial blank; but as such a degree of uniformity is at present hardly attainable among the Synods comprising the General Council, there ought at least to be uniformity in the returns of such items which are usually given in church statistics, to-wit:

1. The number of churches served by the pastor making the report.

2. The number of confirmed persons identified with the church.

3. The number of parochial schools, of teachers employed, and of children attending the same.

4. The number of Lutheran Sunday schools, of teachers and of scholars.

5. The amount of moneys raised:

(*a*). For congregational purposes, including current expenses, repairs, cost of maintaining parochial and Sunday schools, etc.

(*b*). For Missionary, Educational and Synodical purposes.

(*c*). For all other benevolent purposes, viz.: Orphan's Homes, sick and poor, bible cause, etc.

We would again call the attention of the District Synods to this matter, and at the same time earnestly request them to see to it that the parochial blanks of all congregations connected with the Synod or served by pastors who are members of the same are carefully filled out, collected, and compiled in the printed minutes.

In 1886 the appointment of statistical secretaries was recommended to the Synods. Some of the larger Synods appointed such a secretary, whilst in the other Synods the work of compiling the statistical tables is attended to by the recording secretary.

In examining the parochial tables of the different Synods, we are glad to state that they are filled out with greater care than formerly. Still there is room for improvement in some Synods. There are yet some pastors who from one year to another either make only partial returns, or neglect that duty altogether. We are of opinion, also, that there are not a few cases where the membership of the congregation is rated lower than it actually is.

The Pennsylvania Ministerium has officially defined the term, "confirmed members," as used in its parochial table, to include "all those members who have been admitted into full communion with the church by confirmation, adult baptism or transfer, and have not been removed by death or dismission, nor have been dropped from

the roll of membership because of neglect of duty." It also instructed its Committee on Statistics "to carefully inquire into the manner of keeping the records in the congregations, and to suggest at the next meeting, if possible, a method that shall lead to uniformity in the keeping of these records."

Respectfully submitted,

J. NICUM,
T. H. DIEHL.

The final recommendation of the Committee on Sunday School Work was adopted. The English and German Home Mission Committees, the Immigrant Mission Committee and the Committee on Foreign Missions, were elected, as recommended by the Committee on Nominations in the ninth session.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the crying want of the church, especially at this crisis of the mission work, is for a larger and more efficient force of ministers, the President, with the vice-Presidents of the General Council be instructed to issue a pastoral letter to be read from the pulpit of all our churches, appealing to the christian parents in the congregations to consecrate their sons to the holy office of Gospel ministry.

Rev. Cooper offered the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods, which was adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods.

Your committee respectfully submits the following:

I.—THE MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

This Synod held its One Hundred and Forty-Second Annual Convention in Salem Church, Lebanon, Pa., Revs. B. W. and T. E. Schmauk, pastors, June 13-18, 1889, when 224 ministers and 98 lay-delegates were in attendance; eight ordained ministers were received and eighteen candidates ordained.

This Synod numbers 265 ministers, 442 congregations, 101,846 confirmed members, of whom 83,686 communed during the year. The accessions of adult membership were 8,468, infant baptisms 9,255, while the losses by death, removed, withdrawal and exclusion, was 3,600. The parochial schools number 18, with 30 teachers and 1,444 pupils. The Sunday schools number 501, with 8,163 officers and teachers, and 74,180 pupils. Five ministers were removed by death.

Among them are the well known names of Rev. Joshua Yæger, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., and Rev. Prof. H. I. Schmindt, D. D. Four corner stones were laid, six new churches consecrated, and six new congregations received into the Synod. Twenty-nine students were aided in their preparations for the ministry, and forty missions within the bounds of the Synod received support to the extent of $7,625.72. The contributions of the various parishes were as follows: For congregational current expenses, $272,584.73; for special congregational objects, $165,251.99; for the general benevolence of the Synod, $16,784.15; for Foreign Missions, $5,990.80; for Theological Seminary, $17,980.58; Muhlenberg College, $13,209.08; Orphan's Home, $7,792.34; English Home Missions, General Council, $5,335.57; German Home Missions, General Council, $1,458.75; and for other general objects, $10,361.29. A grand total for all objects of $516,749.34.

The Theological Seminary at Philadelphia is reported in good condition and well attended. Twenty-five young men were graduated last spring. The new edifice at Mt. Airy has been completed, and Synod resolved to signalize the 25th anniversary of the commencement of the seminary by the formal dedication of the new seminary October 4th, 1889. The amount estimated as necessary to pay for the new building and to cover other expenditures to put the buildings and grounds in condition to accommodate the institution was $20,000. Synod also made provision for the erection of a suitable building as a residence for a professor. The greater part of the library of the late Rev. B. M. Schmucker, D. D., was presented to the seminary by the family. The Trustees of Muhlenberg College reported this institution in a more prosperous condition than it has been at any time since its existence. Over $20,000 were secured for the liquidation of debt, while the endowment fund of the German professorship was increased by additional Muhlenberg memorial offerings.

The 30th annual report of the Orphan's Home and Asylum at Germantown shows that this institution is in a prosperous condition. There are seventy-nine orphans in the home and thirty-two aged and infirm persons in the asylum. The interest bearing capital amounts to nearly $40,000. The receipts from all sources for current expenses were $10,823.81, and the expenses $10,759.42.

The past year has been one peculiarly rich in blessings for the Evangelical Lutheran Deaconesses' Institution in Philadelphia. The Mary J. Drexel Home, and Philadelphia Mother House for Deaconesses, erected by Mr. J. D. Lankenau, was solemnly consecrated, and

the new rector, Rev. A. Cordes, duly installed. In his report to the Synod, the rector says: "That our church in this country, without any sacrifice on her part, has a healthy and vigorous institution of deaconesses with a solid endowment, that even for the future, as far as man can see, she is practically secured against all pecuniary embarrassment and anxiety in regard to the work of the deaconesses, and that she has a great advantage over all other denominations in this department; for this she is indebted, next to God, to the generosity and continued care of that noble man." The institution numbers thirty-two. The institution reports one outside station in one of the Lutheran congregations of Philadelphia, where a sister is engaged in the care of the sick and poor. A very gratifying success has also attended the efforts made in private nursing.

The Synod accepted the appointment assigned to it by the General Council, namely $5,000 for the English and $5,000 for the German Home Mission work; it also "agreed to the observance of a Children's Day in the interests of our Home Mission work, collections for this purpose to be lifted on it, though it submits to the General Council that no one day be specified, but that the precise day be left to the discretion of each pastor."

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Superintendent of English Home Missions of the Council, and Rev. Wm. Ashmead Shæffer, Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Missions, were invited to address the Synod on these subjects, while the Synod pledged itself "to more unabated and hearty co-operation in the glorious work."

During this meeting, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, D. D., LL. D., editor of the "Foreign Missionary," reported the death of Rev. F. S. Dietrich, one of our missionaries in India. The Synod was deeply affected by this sad intelligence, and took suitable action.

The next annual meeting of the Ministerium will be held in Salem Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Rev. E. Smith, pastor—May 29th, 1890.

II.—THE MINISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The Ministerium of New York and Adjoining States and Countries held its Ninety-fifth Annual Convention, from June 27th to July 2d, 1889, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. John J. Hendmann, pastor.

The Synod numbers 110 pastors and 108 congregations, with 37,975 communicants. There are 42 parochial schools, in which 50 teachers and 17 pastors are engaged in teaching, and which are attended by 2,994 pupils.

There are 114 Sunday schools, with 2,464 teachers and 23,389 scholars; 5,916 children and 101 adults were baptized, 2,377 persons confirmed. The marriages reported are 2,362, the funerals 2,614. There are 12 mission societies, 14 aid societies for aiding the sick and poor, 14 men's societies, 64 ladies' societies, 26 young men's societies, 31 young ladies' societies, 9 young people's societies, 5 ladies' and young ladies' societies, and 1 society of men for assisting the sick and needy.

84 congregations report an income of $222,672.90. 76 congregations contributed the sum of $21,258.76 for benevolent purposes.

22 pastors and 6 congregations were received during the year; 8 pastors were either dismissed to other synods or moved away, whilst one died. 1 congregation severed its connection with Synod, and 2 disbanded. 7 preaching stations are reported. 11 missions received aid to the amount of $537.50, and 11 students were assisted at the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia or Wagner College, with the sum of $1,463.24.

One member of the Ministerium, Rev. C. Muller, was called away by death on the 17th of August, 1888; and a number of pastors and congregations contributed a sum sufficient to enable his widow to return to Germany, with her infant.

Four new churches and three school houses were dedicated, and several enlarged and renovated churches were rededicated.

Two congregations laid corner stones to new churches, and one built a new parsonage.

The treasurer's report shows that $13,556.76 were received and $13,335.76 expended.

The fund for the German Theological Professorship now amounts to $7,164.54.

Rev. J. Brezing prepared Theses on the V. Article of the F. C., in the discussion of which the Synod spent two forenoons.

Wagner Memorial Lutheran College, at Rochester, N. Y., was accepted on the conditions upon which it was offered by its Board of Directors.

The institution prospered under the directorship of Rev. J. Steinhauser. In a six years' course, it gives a general Christian education, and offers excellent facilities for those who desire to prepare themselves for entering the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Thirty-three students attended the College; five have entered the Seminary at Philadelphia, this Fall.

The German Lesson Leaves, which are prepared by several members of the First Conference, and published by E. Kaufmann, of New York, were recommended to the whole Synod.

A number of amendments to the Constitution of the Synod, were discussed, and referred to the congregations, so that final action may be taken next year.

Among the amendments to the Constitution of the Synod, is a new Section which reads as follows: "All pastors and candidates for the Ministry, who desire to be admitted into the Ministerium, but about whose confessional standing there is any doubt, shall be placed, at least, for the space of one year, under the supervision of the President of that Conference in whose bounds they reside, until they can be admitted.

The work of Home Mission is not neglected. Beside the Missions, which are supported by the Ministerium, the Conferences are active in several places within their respective bounds.

Centralization of Mission work was discussed by the several Conferences, but no definite result was attained; and the Synod resolved: "That we are not ready at this time, to enter upon the further consideration of this question."

Fifty-two ladies' societies sent in reports. These fifty-two societies have a membership of 3,535. Their total income amounted to $11,633.00.

Resolutions of condolence were passed regarding the death of Revs. H. I. Schmidt, D. D., and B. M. Schmucker, D. D.

Rev. F. Kæhler, of Buffalo, N. Y., was appointed a member of the Committee on English Lesson Leaves.

III.—THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

The Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Pittsburgh Synod was held in Luther Memorial Church, Erie, Pa., August 28th to September 2d, 1889. This Synod is at present composed of 116 ministers, 95 pastoral charges, and 191 congregations, embracing a communicant membership of 20,368. From the parochial reports we learn that during the Synodical year, 1,474 children were baptized, 1,307 persons were confirmed, 680 received by letter, 1,156 catechumens were reported, and an aggregate of 13,468 Sunday school children. Contributions were made to various objects to the amount of $223,873.17, as follows:

To the Synodical Treasury, including Home Missions and education	$ 8,357 39
Pentecostal offerings	1,763 58
Foreign Missions	830 60
General Council's Home Missions	1,702 53
Orphan work	2,113 47
Other objects of benevolence	5,075 53
Total expenses	$ 223,873 17

Three pastors were dismissed, and twelve were received. The corner stones of three churches were laid; and six new churches were consecrated.

Eleven young men have been assisted in the prosecution of their studies for the ministry—three in the seminary at Philadelphia, and eight at Thiel College. Seven of the former beneficiaries are continued on the funds of the Synod, and four new applicants have been received, making eleven in all at present supported by this body.

MISSIONS.

In the elaborate and interesting report of the Missionary President, Rev. D. M. Kemmerer, the following facts are presented:

THE WORK BEING DONE.

The Lord has graciously blessed our work during the past year. The field as laid out at the last convention of Synod has been fully occupied. The health of the missionaries has been preserved, and the labor of their hands has been prospered. While many of our best laid plans have miscarried, success has come from unexpected quarters. Where Hope trod with exultant step, the shadow of disappointment has settled. But light has sprung out of the darkness, and brightness from the thick cloud. The Lord has plainly taught us that the Kingdom belongeth to him, that its extension and development are under his control.

THE MISSIONS

sustained are located in Allegheny, Arroyo, Cleveland, O., Coudersport, Braddock, Beaver Falls, Dempseytown, DuBois, Emlenton, Emporium, Franklin, Homestead, Jeannette, Johnsonburg, Meadville, Natrona, New Brighton, McKeesport, McKees Rocks, Nova Scotia, Olmstead, Parker, Pittsburgh, Renovo, Reynoldsville, Rowlette, Rolf, Saltsburg, Springdale, Sweden, Tarentum, Youngstown, O., Uniontown, Washington, Wilkinsburg, Woods Run, Glenfield,

Emmerichsville. The membership is 2,433. The churches erected, parsonages provided and lots secured have added about $15,000 to the value of their property, making a total value of $125,000 of property, on which there rest obligations to the amount of $21,450. The cost of their maintainance was $5,170.

THE MISSION FORCE

consisted of Rev. Dr. C. E. Cossman, G. A. Wenzel, W. O. Wilson, John Welfley, F. L. Dietrich, J. W. Myers, E. J. Meissener, W. A. Passavant, Jr., H. J. G. Bartholomew, Ivan Dietrich, J. Q. Waters, C. S. Kohler, E. Cressman, G. E. Titzel, W. G. Hudson, I. K. Wismer, L. M. C. Weicksel, E. F. Krauss, W. J. Finck, J. A. Waters, H. W. Tope, J. Howe Delo, C. Mildner, R. E. McDaniel, C. W. Jefferis, J. H. Orr, A. R. J. Græpp, D. Welty Sarver, H. Reuman, Paul Glatzert.

SUMMARY OF THE WORK.

Three new churches were built, namely: At Tarentum, Wilkinsburg and Jeannette; three parsonages erected, eight congregations organized, and eight lots for churches secured; 292 infants were baptized; 336 catechumens instructed; 266 persons confirmed; 387 received by letter; and the gospel preached and the sacrament administered to 2,342 souls; $871.11 were paid to Synodical purposes; $14,267.15 to local objects; $388.21 to Pentecostal offerings; for salaries, $7,107.43, being an average of $9.66 per member.

THIEL COLLEGE.

This institution is in a flourishing condition; the outlook has never been more promising. A timely gift made by a benevolent citizen of Greenville has enabled the Board of Trustees to begin the erection of an additional building greatly needed. The entire cost of the building has been provided for by the generous doner, and it will be devoted to the use of the lady students. Other benefactions have been received, amounting to $3,000, which will be a great relief to the institution and increase its efficiency. Rev. A. G. Wege has recently been called to the German professorship, and has entered upon his duties. We learn also that Rev. G. B. Hancher, of Kutztown Normal School, has been elected to the Chair of English Literature. He has signified his acceptance of the position, and will enter upon his duties January, 1890.

The finances of the Synod never presented a more favorable showing. From the report of the treasurer, Mr. J. B. Kaucher, we learn

that the total receipts of the synodical year amounted to $10,302.48, being an increase over the previous year of over $2,500. Important action has been taken by the Mission Leagues of the Synod looking to the providing of the necessary funds for the support of a traveling missionary, who is to devote his time mainly to the organization of Sunday schools in the Western States and Territories. Steps have been taken in the direction of mission work among the colored people of the South. A Freedman's Mission Committee has been constituted, to which the direction and supervision of this important work is entrusted. Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D., is chairman of this committee.

1. In accordance with the recommendation of the President of the Synod, it was resolved that all missions outside the bounds of this body be transferred to the Home Mission Committees of the General Council, and that all contributions to these missions be paid to these committees. This action involves the transfer of Lake View Mission, Chicago and the Cleveland Missions, and the General Council is asked to credit the Synod with the amount paid for their support, viz.: $300.00 and $400.00 respectively.

2. It was also resolved that this Synod recommends the General Council to change the day fixed for Children's Day to the Sunday before Reformation Day.

The next convention of this Synod will be held August 29, 1890, at St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Unity, Pa.; Rev. A. D. Potts, pastor.

IV.—DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The thirty-third annual convention of this Synod was held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Loyal Oak, Summit county, Ohio, June 12th to 16th, 1889. There were nineteen clergymen and thirteen lay-delegates present.

The minutes show that two ministers were dismissed to other Lutheran bodies, and three ministers by letter and two by ordination, and one congregation, were received during the year,

The Synod is composed of twenty-nine clerical members, twenty-eight of whom are in active ministry, sixty-three congregations, of which eleven are missions and six are independent congregations, with a total communicant membership of 8,794. There are also reported within the bounds of Synod forty-one Sunday schools, with 366 officers and teachers, and 3,950 scholars.

The accessions during the year were 424 by confirmation, 424 by letter and certificate, and by infant baptism 581. The losses

were 128 by death, and 106 by removal and exclusion. Marriages 224, and 305 funerals.

The total moneys raised during the year amounted to $33,268.83, of which $26,201.59 was for local objects, $1,238.70 for the Synodical treasury, $225.43 for General Council Missions, and $247.30 for other benevolent objects. The church property is valued at $227,900.00, with an indebtedness of $18,959.00. (These reports are still defective).

The missionary territory of Synod is divided into five parishes, with four pastors and eleven congregations. For this purpose $650.00 was expended, and $1,250.00 appropriated for the ensuing year.

Two students were aided at a cost of $300.00. Synod now has four students under its care, to aid whom it appropriated $475.00 for the ensuing year.

Synod made an effort to gather some statistics on Woman's Work, with the following result: Eight societies, 212 members, $1,209.12 for local objects, and $57.00 for missions.

In accordance with the recommendation of the General Council at its last convention, Synod elected a member to serve on the Council's Committee on Sunday School Work, Rev. G. W. Mechling being chosen.

The following were adopted by Synod:

Resolved, 1. That this Synod respectfully requests the General Council to urge upon the District Synods the election of delegates to its conventions who may be able to remain in attendance a sufficient length of time to secure the deliberate transaction of all important business.

2. In the event of the Council making provision for the payment of the expenses of delegates, it should be with the express provision that such delegates shall attend all the sessions of the convention to which they may have been chosen.

The Synod will hold its next annual convention in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Middlepoint, Van Wert county, Ohio, beginning on the Wednesday following Trinity Sunday, 1890.

V.—SWEDISH AUGUSTANA SYNOD.

In the minutes of the Swedish Augustana Synod we find many things pointing to the great activity and development in that body. Its growth is the most rapid of all the Synods connected with this

body and it is beginning to wield a commendable influence in those places where it is most strongly represented.

Besides its energetic mission operations in this country, it resolved at its last meeting, in June of this year, "That the Synod request its Mission Committee that, if circumstances will admit and God gives us an open door to begin work, it call and send a suitable man to visit Australia and see if the time has not arrived to begin mission operations among our countrymen who have settled in that country." It also resolved "That the Synod recognized with thanks to God, the good beginning which the General Council has made through its English Home Mission Committee, to retain in the Evangelical Lutheran faith, our Swedish-American youths who understand the English language best; and that the Synod will, as soon as it is able, and to the best of its ability, help both with men and with means in the great work."

At the last meeting of the Synod twenty-three candidates were ordained, and five ministers were received from other Synods and bodies.

During the meeting of the Synod, the large new College building was dedicated. The sessions of the Synod were held in the spacious chapel of the College. A most interesting event during the session was the celebration of the jubilee, or the fiftieth anniversary of the entering into the ministry of the venerable T. N. Hasselquist, D.D., whose face is so familiar to many of the older members of this body.

With reference to the proselyting efforts made by the Episcopalians in New York City, it was resolved, "That the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod, assembled at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., hereby most earnestly protest against the proselyting work of the Protestant Episcopal Church among the Swedish Lutherans."

The resolution with reference to the property of a Theological Seminary at Chicago, has already been considered by your body.

A summary of the statistics shows:

Pastors	291
Congregations	582
Church buildings	425
Communicants	74,234
Number of souls	129,473
Received by confirmation, letter and on profession	13,277
Losses	1,965
Net increase of communicants	11,312

Contributions—Home Missions	$	15,901 63
Foreign Missions		6,607 39
Ophans' Home and Church Extension		27,749 54
Education		16,414 48
Regular expenses, Synodical and Conference Treasury	$	14,160 54
Total for Beneficence, Education and Church Extension	$	66,673 04
Grand total for all purposes	$	80,833 58

VI.—CANADA SYNOD.

The Canada Synod assembled for its twenty-ninth annual meeting, from June 12th to 18th, 1889, in the Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Church (Rev. E. Neudorffer, pastor *loci*), at Normanby, Grey county, Ontario, Canada.

The Synod now numbers 26 self-sustaining parishes, with 61 congregations; 8 mission districts, with 18 mission congregations. The whole number of congregations is 79, with a communicant membership of 8,292. At the meeting at Normanby, two young men were ordained for the holy ministry, and eight pastors were received into the Synod. One of the pastors of this body was suddenly called to his heavenly reward, during the year.

The whole number of clerical members composing the Synod at present, is 35; the number of churches 68, and the number of parsonages 28.

Instruction in the fourteen parochial schools, as they are enumerated in the reports of the Synod, is given by the pastors of the respective congregations. There were 790 infant, and 12 adult baptisms. 560 young Christians were confirmed.

The contributions for church purposes of the various parishes, aggregated:

(*a*) Home Missions	$	1,935 43
(*b*) Foreign Missions		260 99
(*c*) For Orphans', Philadelphia Seminary, Emigrant Mission		251 87
(*d*) Local purposes		17,072 54
(*e*) Educational purposes		400 00
(*f*) The Ministers' Aid Fund had an income of		234 03
The whole amount of this Fund at pressnt, is		1,365 00

For the last twenty years the Synod has published its own church paper. Financially, the Kirchenblatt has, so far, had a very good success. Its present number of subscribers is 850.

The receipts of the Kirchenblatt for the last Synodical year, were..... $ 1,004 83
Expenditures..... 734 30

The surplus of $270.53 was in part paid over to the Home Missions treasury.

The Synod will hold its next Convention in St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Baden, Waterloo county, Ontario, Thursday before Trinity Sunday, May 29, 1890.

VII.—THE TEXAS SYNOD.

The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the First German Lutheran Synod of Texas was held in Zions Lutheran Church at Arnekville, De Witt county, Texas, from May 9th to 14th, 1889.

The roll contains the names of thirty-three ministers, forty-seven congregations, sixteen mission churches, with a communicant membership of 7,188. The parochial report shows that 1,202 persons were baptized; 453 catechumens were instructed and confirmed. The following contributions are reported:

To Synodical treasury	$114 45
To Home Missions	623 05
To Foreign Missions	177 55
To Ministers fund	151 90
To other objects of benevolence	253 05

Number of Sunday schools six, number of scholars 1,380.

From the President's report we learn that during the year three church buildings were consecrated, and four clerical members of Synod received and accepted calls to different charges in the bounds of Synod. The revision of the Synodical constitution was continued, and the whole will be adopted at the next annual meeting. The next meeting of Synod will be held in 1890, the place of meeting, however, not being determined.

VIII.—THE INDIANA SYNOD.

The nineteenth annual convention of this Synod was held in St. James Church, Montgomery county, Ind., Rev. J. C. Barb, pastor, June 13–17, 1889.

It is composed of eighteen pastors, thirty-two congregations, 2,811 communicants. It has six Women's Societies, that contributed $140.00. The congregations contributed for Synodical purposes, $448.91; Home Missions, $234.00; Foreign Missions, $50.00; other objects, $4,497.00; total, $5,369.91; estimated salaries, $8,110.00; grand total, $13,479.91. The Synod made appropriations of $700 to

the following missions: At Decatur, Ill.; Frankfort, Portland and Syracuse, Ind.

There are many important points within the bounds of this Synod that demand the earnest attention of the church, but the want of money prevents them from being occupied.

MATTERS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania submits to the General Council "that no one day be specified as Children's Day, but that the precise day be left to the discretion of each pastor."

NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

Matters referred to the General Council by the New York Ministerium have been referred to a special committee.

THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

"*Resolved*, That all missions outside the bounds of this body be transferred to the Home Mission Committees of the General Council, and that all contributions to these missions be paid to these committees, and the Council is asked to credit this Synod with the amounts paid for their support."

It was also "Resolved, that this Synod recommends the General Council to change the day fixed for Chilnren's Day from the Sunday after Ascension Day to the Sunday before Reformation Day."

THE DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

This Synod respectfully requests the General Council to urge upon the District Synods the election of delegates to its conventions who may be able to remain in attendance a sufficient length of time to secure the deliberate transaction of all important business.

C. J. COOPER,
D. W. PETERSON,
J. Q. WATERS,
A. F. SIEBERT,
G. H. TRABERT,
F. VEIT,
F. C. C. KAHLER,
W. HAUFF,
W. G. ARMOUR,
ISAAC S. MOTTR,
} Committee.

The action of last year, setting apart a Children's Day, was reconsidered, and it was resolved that the General Council urge upon

all its Synods to set apart a day to be known as Children's Day, to be observed in the interests of Home Missions.

It was also resolved that the General Council calls the earnest attention of all the District Synods to the request of the District Synod of Ohio in regard to the election of delegates to the General Council. (See report on minutes of Synods).

Rev. Dr. Passavant presented the following report, upon the request of the Augustana Synod, in regard to the Chicago Seminary property, and the same was adopted :

To the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America :

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report in reference to the application of the Swedish Augustana Synod, to transfer to that corporation the property in Chicago intended to be transferred to this General Council, or to a separate corporation, the governing body of which to be under the control of this General Council.

1. That the General Council is not in a position to comply with the request of the Swedish Augustana Synod by reason of the conditions imposed by the original donation of the property.

2. That the General Council learns wirh joy that certain members of this Council have publically, at this twenty-second convention thereof, stated the intention to offer to donate to the Swedish Augustana Synod, in fee simple, two acres of land immediately adjoining the property, the transfer of which by this body has been requested by that Synod, for the location in the same of the Augustana Theological Seminary.

3. That should the Swedish Augustana Synod accept the proposed gift of the said two acres of land for the location of its Theological Seminary in Chicago, and establish thereon its seminary, the General Council would look with favor upon an arrangement which might be made in reference to the lectures and studies in the Augustana Seminary and the intended Seminary of the General Council, or under the control of the General Council on the adjoining property, which might be for the mutual benefit and advancement of both institutions.

4. That such an arrangement of lectures and studies would be in harmony with the original design of the General Council for the establishment of a seminary at some central point in the west "where the future ministry of our English, German and Scandinavian

churches may be educated together in the unity of the common faith confessed and maintained by this body."

5. That the General Council reaffirms its resolution passed in Chicago in 1886, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That the President and Treasurer of the General Council, with Dr. Passavant, appoint a Board of Directors to which the (Chicago) seminary property shall be duly deeded, to be held in trust for the General Council. Resolved, that the directors appointed be authorized to make such arrangements working towards the opening of the seminary, as may be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council.

JOS. A. SEISS,
HENRY E. JACOBS,
L. P. A. LINDAHL,
A. SPÆTH,
A. RICHTER,
J. STEINHAUSER,
A. W. POTTEIGER,
M. LANGENSTEIN,
J. B. KÆRCHER,
W. A. PASSAVANT,
GEO. H. MOTTER,
WM. H. STAAKE.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz offered the report of the Committee on Publication, which was received and ordered to be printed:

Report of the Committee for the Publication and Sale of the Books of the General Council.

After the last Convention of the General Council, your committee organized by electing the following officers: *President*, Rev. H. Grahn; *Secretary*, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten; *Treasurer*, Mr. John C. File.

Several questions arising, answers to which the Church Book Committee awaits from the Council, it became necessary to interrupt the work of preparing stereotype plates of the "Pastoral Acts." As soon as further copy is furnished this work will be resumed and completed with all possible speed.

An edition of the liturgical portion of the German Church Book, bound separately, is now completed. Our treasurer will be pleased to fill all orders as soon as received.

The Rev. Mr. Glasow, in behalf of the congregation at Johnstown, Pa., which suffered such terrible losses during the late disaster, asks for a donation of a hundred and fifty copies of the 12 mo., and fifty copies of the 16 mo. editions of the German Church Book. Your committee herewith respectfully submits this petition to the venerable Council.

For all other matters we refer to the accompanying report of our treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILADELPHIA, OCT. 10, 1889. THE COMMITTEE

Report of the Treasurer, Jno. C. File, General Council Publication Committee.

I.—KIRCHENBUCH.

(*a.*) *Receipts.*

For 1,072 copies large and 1,704 small	1,482 03	
For 305 " sheets large and 563 small ..	410 55	$1,892 58

(*b.*) *Expenditures.*

Printing 2,000 sheets large and 3,000 small ..	$ 570 00	
Packing sheets for Wartburg Pubg. House...	14 50	
Binding 1,550 copies large and 1,022 small...	518 58	1,102 08
Bal. paid to the Treasurer of Gen. Council.		$ 790 50

	Sheets, large.	Sheets, small.	Bound, large.	Bound, small.
Stock on hand at last report...	2570	5344	938	1353
Added	2000	3000	1550	1022
	4570	8344	2488	2375
Sold	305	563	1072	1704
	4265	7781	1416	671
Dld. to Wartburg Pubg. House.	1500	2500	....	30
On hand.....	2765	5281	1416	641

The Wartburg Pubg. House received 2,500 sheets small and 1,500 large, costing	$ 527 00	
And 30 small, bound costing.....	19 00	$ 546 00

Which, however, have not been settled with me.

(*c.*) *First Part of Kirchenbuch*

Has been completed, and orders can be sent to the undersigned.

II.—GERMAN GENERAL COUNCIL CATECHISM.

Stock at last report,		600	
Sold		400	
Stock on hand		200	
Sale, 400 at 3c			$ 12 00

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	Muslin binding.	Board binding.	
At last report, stock on hand.	529	117	
Sold	110	72	
Stock	419	45	
Proceeds of sale, muslin, 110; board, 72			$ 54 30

IV.—GENERAL COUNCIL CONSTITUTION.

At last report	388 English;	320 German.	
Sold	170 "	210 "	
Leaving	218 English;	110 German.	
Proceeds of sale of 380 copies			$ 13 30

Paid to the Treasurer of General Council—			
For Kirchenbuch	$ 790 50		
German Catechism	12 00		
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Gen'l Council Constitution.	13 30		
Total			$ 870 10
Owing by Wartburg Publishing House			$546 00

Received and paid to the Treasurer, from Rev. G. W. Frederick—For premium on 2,000 S. S. Bks., words only, at 4c	$ 80 00		
Premium, 1,000 S. S. Bks., music, at 5c	50 00		
" 500 Gen'l Council Catechism at 2c	10 00		
			$ 140 00
Also 1,157 S. S. Bks., music, at 5c		57 85	
2,191 " " words, at 4c		87 64	
			$ 145 49
Total			$ 285 49

The Committee on Publications was authorized to donate to the congregation in Johnstown, Pa., fifty copies of the Catechism and one hundred and fifty copies of the German Church Book, 12 mo.,

and fifty copies of the same 16 mo. The additional number of books asked for was referred to the committee, with power to act.

The statement of Dr. Passavant on Chicago Seminary was ordered printed.

The following were elected trustees: Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., LL. D., Rev. Prof. A. Spæth, D. D., and Rev. S. Laird, D. D.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Siess was appointed visitor to the United Synod of the South.

It was resolved that the very sincere and hearty thanks of this Council be tendered to the pastor and people of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Pittsburgh for the hospitable reception and liberal entertainment accorded to the members of this body at its twenty-second convention. The pastor was requested to communicate this action to the congregation at the next divine service.

The paper on preaching in pulpits other than Lutheran was ordered to be printed and referred to the next convention for discussion.

Invitations for next convention were tendered from San Francisco, Cal., and from Butler, Pa. It was resolved that the next convention be held in 1891, and that the selection of the time and place be left to the President, the three Recording Secretaries, and the Treasurer.

It was ordered that 1,500 copies of the minutes be published in the English and German languages, and that the Swedish Recording Secretary publish a full abstract in the Swedish Church papers.

The minutes were read and approved.

All the business having been transacted, the Council adjourned at 10 o'clock p. m.

The convention was closed by the use of the form prescribed in the Liturgy, and singing "*Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott*"

G. W. Mechling,
English Recording Secretary.

Pittsburgh, Pa., October 15th, 1889.

Divine Services.

Thursday, October 10, at 10:30 a. m., the President, Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D , LL. D., preached the opening sermon from Luke v: 4–11.

2. On the evening of the same day a service was held in the interest of Foreign Missions. An address was delivered by the Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schæffer, and Rev.

Emanuel Edman, M. D., was solemnly consecrated as missionary to the Telegus, in East India, by the officers of the Foreign Mission Committee, assisted by Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, President of the Augustana Synod.

3. Friday, at 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. F. Fahs preached a sermon from Luke VII: 9–14.

4. On Sunday morning Rev. Jacob Fry, D. D., preached from Ezek. I: 20; in the afternoon a Sunday school service was held, and addresses were delivered by several members of the Council.

5. On Sunday evening addresses were delivered on the subject of Home Missions by the President, Rev. Dr. Krotel, Rev. Dr. J. A. Kunkelman, and Rev. W. A. Passavant, Secretary of English Home Missions.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Synods.	Organized.	Pastors.	Churches.	Communicant Members.	Baptisms.	Additions.	Collections.	Place and Time of Next Convention.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania....	1748	265	442	101,846	9,255	8,468	$ 516,749 34	Bethlehem, Penn., Salem's Church, May 29, 1890.
Ministerium of New York.....	1787	110	108	37,975	6,017	2,377	222,672 90	June 12, 1890——
Synod of Pittsburgh	1845	116	191	20,368	1,474	1,987	223,873 17	August 29, 1890, in St. Paul's Church, Pleasant Unity, Pa.
District Synod of Ohio.....	1857	29	63	8,794	581	848	33,268 83	June 4, 1890, Middleport, O.
Augustana Snyod	1860	291	582	74,234	5,935	13,277	580,833 58	June 16, 1890, Jamestown, N. Y.
Synod of Canada	1861	35	79	8,242	802	560	1,365 00	May 29, 1890, Baden, Waterloo Co., Ont.
Synod of Indiana.....	1871	18	32	2,811	158	258	13,479 91	May 29, 1890, Vandalia, Ill.
Synod of Texas.....	1851	33	47	7,188	1,202	453	1,319 00	Time and place not determined.
Totals	.....	897	1,544	261,458	24,424	28,228	$1,593,561 73	.....
German Iowa Synod	1854	275	402	40,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Norwegian Augustana Synod	1860	29	70	3,600	.....	.....	.....	.....
		1,201	2,010	305,058				

*General Statistics of the Lutheran Church.

AFRICA.

1.	Egypt	$ 2,000
2.	Cape Colony	5,000
3.	Mission Stations	10,000
4.	Madagascar	25,000
	Total	$42,0000

AMERICA.

1.	Greenland	$ 8,000
2.	United States and Canada	1,955,090
3.	West India	2,500
4.	Brazil	40,000
5.	Other parts of South America	1,000
	Total	$2,006,590

ASIA.

1.	Siberia	$ 1,000
2.	India	180,000
3.	Other countries	5,000
	Total	$186,000

AUSTRALIA AND POLYNESIA.

1.	New South Wales	$ 3,000
2.	Victoria	15,000
3.	South Australia	25,000
4.	Queensland	20,000
	Total	$70,000

EUROPE.

1.	Denmark	$ 2,083,000
2.	Germany	29,800,000
3.	France	80,000
4.	Great Britain, with Heligoland	52,000
5.	Holland	75,000
6.	Italy	5,000
7.	Norway	1,825,000
8.	Austria, with Hungary and Siebenburgen	1,550,000
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CORRECTIONS.

On page 68, read John J. Heischmann instead of Hendmann.
" 80, " S. P. A. Lindahl instead of L. P. A.
" 80, " Geo. H. Moller instead of Motter.

APPENDIX.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

JULY, 1888, TO JUNE, 1889.

Presented to the General Council at its Meeting in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October, 1889.

Oct. 3d, 1889.

To the General Council, Etc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Brethren—Your Committee for Foreign Missions beg leave to present the following Report:

I. As to the work in India from July 1, 1888 *to June* 30, 1889.

The Missionaries whose names appeared in our last Report continued their faithful labors throughout the year, and almost to its close, without interruption. The several fields of their labors were as follows:

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The Rev. F. J. McCready, in charge of the Tallapudi District.

The Rev. William Grœnning, in charge of the Schools in Rajahmundry.

In addition to these, the Native Pastors, the Revs. N. Paulus and T. Joseph, have still remained in charge of the Velpur and Jagurupad Districts respectively.

The combining of Dowlaishwaram and Samulcotta in one field, and placing that enlarged work under the care and supervision of one man, was not according to the desire of the Committee, but in its judgment the best thing that could be done under the circumstances. It was always regarded, and so understood by Mr. Dietrich, as a temporary arrangement, which would be changed as soon as a man could be found for the field and the condition of the treasury would allow us to send out a new Missionary.

The already small number of workmen was made still smaller on June 11, 1889, when the Lord called the Rev. F. S. Dietrich to his

eternal reward. After a very brief illness, and while in the midst of the work of erecting his house at Dowlaishwaram, he was removed from these earthly scenes and activities to the city of the blest and the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

The Committee are fully sensible of the loss to our Mission in the death of Mr. Dietrich. The few years he spent in the work witnessed an earnest, faithful and uninterrupted endeavor on his part, to bring souls out of darkness into the marvelous light of the Gospel. As is said in the "Minute" adopted by the Committee, and which appears in the records of their meetings:

"His Missionary life was a growth that developed itself in a correct appreciation of the needs of the heathen and of the best methods for meeting them; in an enterprise of spirit that was, at once, varied and successful; in an activity that never tired; in a hope that was always rejoicing, and in plentifully sowing the good seed of the word that will bear fruit unto eternal life.

"In our sorrow, we comfort ourselves with the conviction that his career, though short, was yet, bright and successful; and that the brevity of his life was so filled up with works of faith, that, in view of them, his days may be said to have been many, whilst, through them all he neither lived nor labored in vain."

The death of Mr. Dietrich made other changes necessary, which however had hardly been instituted when the Mission received another blow, of which we cannot now speak, as it came after June 30th and at a time not covered by this part of our report.

Reports from the several Districts for the half-year ending December 31, 1888, have been received, and are in the main satisfactory, as may be inferred from the following action taken by the Committee:

"*Resolved*, That we have heard with satisfaction the Minutes of the last meeting of the Missionary Conference (held in Tallapudi, January, 1889), and are pleased to note the interest manifested by all in the work; but we are especially gratified to know that the question of attendance upon the Preparatory Service is receiving the consideration which its importance clearly demands."

Reports for the half-year ending June 30, 1889, have been received only from the Tallapudi District; but owing to the sudden and great losses sustained by the working force and the consequent increase of responsibility and work falling upon those remaining, it cannot be thought strange that the sending of such reports should be delayed until too late to be laid before your body at the meeting in Pittsburgh. Nevertheless, this fact will not allow us to present as full and complete a statement of the work and its results as could be desired.

Such reports as have been received are submitted along with our Report, and a careful examination will show that our missionaries are in earnest; that while they preach the gospel to those who gather about them in a church or prayer-shed, on the street or on the river bank, on Sunday or during some heathen festival, they are careful, also, in instructing the young, that the seeds of divine truth may be planted in youthful minds and hearts, which, in coming years, will produce, we pray, a harvest of blessed fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

By a reference to the table of Statistics of the Mission it will be seen that, while the number of confirmations has been very small, the number of those baptized both of heathen and Christian families is encouraging. In this connection it may be interesting to refer to the late Missionary Dietrich's report of the Dowlaishwaram District. Standing as it were on the battle-field, and observing that Hinduism was "drawing up its strength," and beginning "to marshal it against the Christian religion" as it had never done before, indicating to his mind the fact that many of the better educated of the Hindus were beginning to see that Christianity "is a real power, and that it is threatening the Hindu religions, Mr. Dietrich says, "I am anxiously looking forward to the next five or ten years, for I believe that great events will happen in the religious world during this period."

In regard to the Biblical History in Telugu which the Rev. Wm. Grœnning was, as stated in our last Report, requested to prepare, we would say that the work has been done and permission was given to have it printed in Madras, as the printing office in connection with the Mission at Rajahmundry was not sufficiently well equipped to do the work. Since then, however, a gift of four hundred dollars for the Printing Office, which was made by two ladies, as a thankoffering, who desire that their names shall not be published, will put this department of the work in a much more efficient condition, which we expect will be, in many ways, advantageous to the Mission. The necessary "cuts" for the Biblical History have been generously paid for by different friends in this country.

While in some particulars we could wish to present a more highly encouraging account of the results of the work in India, nevertheless we beg you to remember the extent of the field and the fewness of the laborers occupying it, and also to consider that if but one soul, which our Lord values more highly than the whole world, has been saved, the labor put forth has not been expended in vain.

It should be noted here, that St. Peter's Church at Tallapudi has

been built since the last Annual Report. Its dimensions are 25 ft. by 67 ft. It is built of stone.

STATISTICS OF THE MISSION.

DECEMBER 31, 1888.

Missionaries in the field	4
" Wives in the field during the year	3
Native Ordained Pastors	2
" Evangelists and Catechists	7
Teachers—Rajahmundry	8
" Other Stations	73
Total Mission Agents	97
Scholars, Rajahmundry	92
Caste Girls' School	55
District Schools, Scholars	926
Total Scholars	1073
Baptisms, Adults and Children, 1887	235
" January to June, 1888	170
" July to December, 1888	306
Confirmations	1
Communicants	832
Communed, July to December, 1887	466
" January to June, 1888	573
" July to December, 1888	508
Baptized Christians, children and adults	2319

	R.	A.	P.
Contributions, Rajahmundry and Korukonda	39	4	6
" Velpur District	22	3	0
" Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad Districts	19	14	4½
" Samulcotta District	13	2	3
" Tallapudi "	32	10	7
Total contributions for benevolence ($50.03)	147	2	8½

II. As to the work and action of your Committee for the year ending October 10th, 1889.

As is well known to the Church, within a few weeks after the last meeting of the General Council, the late English Secretary of our Committee was called to "come up higher." The death of one so devoted to the work and so well-informed in all its details and requirements as was the late Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker was a very serious loss to the Committee and its work. For years he had given much intelligent attention to the subject, so that when death removed him

from his place here it was felt that the master-hand was wanting to direct the work of the Committee on Foreign Missions. This feeling was entertained not only here, it was likewise experienced in India as may be seen in the action taken by the Missionary Conference at its meeting in January, 1889.

Later in the year we were called upon to grieve over the death of the Rev. F. S. Dietrich, already alluded to, and still later that of the Rev. Wm. Grœnning.

The decease of this Brother, so soon after that of Bro. Dietrich, was a very severe blow to our work, and only faith in God and in His directing Providence could save us from despair, and sustain us in the hour of trial.

Mr. Grœnning who had been in our service for several years, had shown himself earnest, faithful and competent in that part of the field over which he had special supervision. His duties were in connection with the schools in Rajahmundry, and his aim, towards which he was gradually approaching, was to raise the standard of the schools, to secure a better prepared set of teachers, and in every way to have the schools in all their departments accomplish better work. But in the midst of his labors he was taken away, not however, until he had laid a foundation on which a building may be erected which shall benefit mankind and glorify God.

In the death of the three brethren, whose names have been mentioned, the Foreign Mission work has lost three earnest and devoted laborers. But the cause is the Lord's, and we look to Him to raise up others to take their places and to carry on the work in which they toiled with such unceasing energy and devotion.

In March and April of this year a strong effort was made to increase the amount of money in our Treasury. This was done by means of an appeal which was printed in both *The Missions-Bote* and *The Foreign Missionary.* Thousands of extra copies of these papers were then printed and distributed throughout the Church. The result was very gratifying ; an increased number of contributions came in, so that, while we are still burdened by a debt, which it is to be hoped will soon be removed, there has not been for several months that straightened condition of the treasury that had previously existed ; and yet it should be understood that even with this awakened interest and enlarged liberality, for which we thank the Head of the Church, the amount received by our Treasurer has not been sufficient to pay all current expenses and to cancel the indebtedness of several years standing. And when we remember the necessity that is now upon us of sending out new mis-

sionaries, not only to take the place of the departed, but also others to take charge of new fields, and to push the work more effectively, it will be seen that the Church must be urged to continue its gifts and contributions to the blessed work of preaching Christ to the heathen.

Certain individuals and Sunday-schools have agreed to support scholars in the Boarding School in Rajahmundry, and in some cases boys or girls have been assigned to them. But your Committee has discovered that in a number of such cases, after a couple of payments have been made the matter has been forgotten, and the name of the scholar and the name of the party originally supporting said scholar appear in the list in the Annual Reports, while in fact all support has ceased. This subject has engaged the attention of the Board and such action has been taken as will, it is thought, increase our revenue from this source.

Heretofore it has been the custom to send $1000 a quarter to the Treasurer in India to cover general expenses, which does not however include the salaries of the European missionaries; but the growth of the work and the requirements of the field have led the Committee to fix upon the sum of $1300 as the regular quarterly allowance hereafter for general expenses.

Through the interest and active zeal of a number of ladies in or near Allentown, Pa., five boxes of goods, contributed by friends in different parts of the country were shipped to India early in the past Summer. The contents will delight the hearts of missionaries, teachers, scholars, and all Christians in our field during the coming Christmas Festival, by which time it is expected the boxes will have arrived at their destination. The work of collecting the articles sent, and of packing them, was by no means light, and we desire to record in this place the Committee's appreciation of the interest and noble generosity of the ladies who were active in the work, or in any way contributed to its success.

At a meeting of the Committee, held July 29th, 1889, it was unanimously,

Resolved, That we extend a formal call to the Rev. Emanuel Edman, M. D., of Princeton, Illinois, to go as a Missionary to our field in India.

This call, we are happy to say, has been accepted by Dr. Edman, and his consecration to the office and work of a Missionary will take place on Thursday evening, October 10th, 1889. He expects to sail from this country about October 16th, and to reach India before the approaching Christmas.

In connection with the call of a new Missionary, the Committee thought it proper to come to a distinct and final understanding on the question of salary. It was then

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Council, for final adoption, the scale of salaries for missionaries in the Foreign field, that was proposed by this Committee in May, 1885, viz.:

For an unmarried man, unacquainted with the language, for the first two years of his residence in India, $600 a year.

For a married man, in the same position, and for the same time, $800 a year.

For an unmarried man, from the third to the fifth year of his residence in India, inclusive, $700 a year.

For a married man, for the same time, $900 a year.

For an unmarried man, from the sixth to the tenth year of his residence in India, inclusive, $800 a year.

For a married man, for the same time, $1000 a year.

For an unmarried man, after ten years' residence in India, $1000 a year.

For a married man, for the same time, $1200 a year.

At the meeting of the General Council in 1887, it was

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Committee, at their discretion, appoint a Secretary of Foreign Missions, assign him his duties and fix his salary.

At your meeting in 1888 the instructions on this subject given to the Committee the previous year were renewed.

On this point it can only be said at present, that the Committee has not been able to see its way clear to appoint such an officer as that mentioned in your resolution. The scarcity of men and the lack of funds, may be said to be the difficulties in the way of securing a man for this position.

The Missions-Bote and *The Foreign Missionary*, published by your Committee, have regularly appeared every month, and we doubt not have done much toward arousing and keeping alive an interest in our mission work. They are edited by several members of the Committee who, in the midst of their other work, willingly contribute time, talents and money to their publication. For the present month there were 18,000 copies of *The Missions-Bote* printed, and 6,200 copies of *The Foreign Missionary*.

The Rev. C. G. Fischer, who has faithfully served the Committee and the Church as the Agent of these two papers, has tendered his resignation, to take effect when a successor is appointed. The diligent and faithful labor of Mr. Fischer, for a great part of which he has

received no compensation whatever, entitles him to the thanks of this Body.

The Treasurer's Report shows the following:

The Foreign Mission Fund,

Receipts	$12177 04
Expenditures	11978 70
Balance	$198 34

The Missions-Bote,

Receipts	$3504 18
Expenditures	1957 05
Balance	$1547 13

The Foreign Missionary,

Receipts	$572 16
Expenditures	988 30
Overdrawn	$416 14

The Foreign Mission Fund—Compared with the previous year.

	1888.	1889.
Receipts	$10,288 20	$12,177 04
Expenditures	10,307 89	11,978 70

The balance in *The Missions-Bote* account and the amount overdrawn in *The Foreign Missionary* account, represent the surplus and deficiency of three years, and not of the last year only.

The Treasurer, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., has given to the duties of his position careful and needed attention, at the cost of both time and money, and your Committee in this manner desire to give evidence of their appreciation of his kind interest and assistance in the work in which they are engaged.

With thanks to Almighty God for the blessings enjoyed by the united work of the Committee and the Missionaries, with unbounded confidence in Him who will not suffer His word to return unto Him void, and with earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit will call more laborers into the harvest, and also stir up the Church to a greater degree of liberality, this Report is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, *English Secretary.*

The Annual Meeting of the Missionary Conference.

JANUARY, 1889.

The President's Report for 1888.

During another year the Lord has permitted us to carry on our work undisturbed by serious opposition or sickness among our staff of workers, and not without success. Rev. Poulsen, as you will remember, had already taken leave of us at our last meeting, although he left later.

In my special field I have, in the last half year, baptized, at Rajahmundry, 3 children and 1 adult, and in a new village, 12 persons. Communion was celebrated at Rajahmundry on the 28th of October, and on Christmas day, when 75 persons partook of the same. Communion was also held at Moonikodavilli and Gonegudiem.

A teacher, Zona, who was formerly a member of our Church, and partly educated at Rajahmundry, but afterwards joined the Church of England Mission, at Dumigudiem, came from there for treatment to Rajahmundry, and died there. I also performed the burial service over the remains of an infant.

I spent 53 days on tours in the District. The prospects are everywhere encouraging, but the laborers are too few in number, and their work not always carried on in a systematical way. I had hoped that V. Sriramulu would have been a good help in improving the organization of the schools, but he does not like to travel, and therefore is of very little help in my work.

A great drawback is also the irregular attendance of the children in the village schools. All over the District, where wet cultivation is carried on, the children do not at all come to school during the rice-planting and harvest season. It is, perhaps, impossible to make the children come to school at these times. But it is a great pity that the teachers are without Mission work during that time. When the children have not time to come to school, the grown-up people have even less time to spare to listen to preachers.

The Conference ought to consider this matter, and fix a proper time for leave of absence. There are large parts of our field where preachers hardly ever come, and I have thought that it might be well to set apart such unoccupied time for special preaching tours. Each teacher could visit a certain number of villages, where there is dry cultivation, and preach there, and draw the usual traveling allowance. But if teachers or their families have land of their own, and they wish to work in their fields, they might be allowed to do so, on leave without pay.

The present state of things can neither be satisfactory to the Missionary in charge, nor to the teachers, and as these have no other opportunity to exchange their views about this matter, this Conference would perhaps be the best place to do so.

Our Mission Agents all should be deeply impressed with their duty to spread the Gospel among their countrymen. They resolved many years ago to send a preacher to Rampa at their own cost, and they gather money for that purpose. But would it not be better that they themselves should go beyond the region of their own special field for a month or so every year, and preach there, rather than wait till they can get a preacher to do it for them?

Another matter of importance is, that the converts should gather around certain centres. It is impossible that the few ordained men can regularly administer the Word and Sacraments to each single Christian in out of the way villages. But if it were known beforehand that the minister comes on certain Sundays to central villages, the Christians in the surrounding villages could easily attend Divine service there, and they ought to attend as regularly and as willingly as they attend market days. Especially the celebration of the Lord's Supper should be considered a most solemn feast, and every communicant should count it a privilege to attend the Preparatory Service also. According to Lutheran Church rule, such as do not come to the Preparatory Service ought not to be admitted to the Lord's table.

With regard to the publication of a paper, as proposed at the last meeting, I would draw the attention of this Conference to the fact that the Tract Society at Madras publishes a paper which costs 1 pie each copy, or annually 2 As., including postage. It would be well for all Telugu Christians heartily to take an interest in this paper, and to become subscribers. I do not think that we so soon shall be able to publish our own paper.

As yet no members of our congregations have produced anything for publication. The gift of writing poetry, and even prose, seems not to have been bestowed to any remarkable extent upon any of our Christians By reading a periodical regularly, our educated Christians might learn how to edit a paper of our own.

I cannot pass by in this report an occurrence which, although not a matter of report, still has affected our whole Mission. The Lord called our Home Secretary, Rev. Dr. Beale Melanchthon Schmucker, to his rest, on the 15th of October, 1888. If any single individual shall be mentioned, who has given organization and frame to our Mission, it is Dr. Schmucker. He was the Home leader. Since 1869 all orders went through his hands, and he remitted all money which was contributed for the support of our Mission. Since he sent the last, not more than one week's salary for our Mission Agents has come from our Home Committee. It is but natural that it must cause some disturbance in the Home Committee, when such an important man is called away. To me he was a dear friend, with whom I have been connected by 20 years of correspondence. I shall not forget the happy days which we spent under his hospitable roof during our stay in

America. He was a learned man, and one of the great men of our Church, and still humble, kind and friendly to all. He was always ready to reach a helping hand, but he himself required no servants. I thought that our teachers and preachers could learn much from him, when I saw him carry a basket himself from the market. He looked quite happy when we at breakfast enjoyed the fresh bread and nice fruits, which he had been out to buy for us in the early morning. But he was in his glory when he could present a full and good report of the Telugu Mission before the churches.

On Sunday evening, October 14th, he preached his last sermon on "Passing Over Jordan," passing through death to the heavenly Canaan. The next morning he hastened by railway to Philadelphia, on business for our Church, but died from heart disease suddenly near Phœnixville. The principal leader of our Mission has ceased to work for us, but we are not left desolate—we cannot be left desolate while God abides with us.

One thing more I wish to mention, which especially the older members of our Conference will be interested to hear. The aged Missionary, Rev. W. Grœnning, who was the first Missionary in charge of this Tallapudi District, has been decorated by the Emperor of Germany with the order of the Red Eagle. Very likely no other Telugu Missionary has ever received an order from a king or emperor, whilst, however, several already have received from our Heavenly King the crown of glory, which we all look for.

H. C. Schmidt.

Minutes of the Conference.

Tallapudi, January 7th, 1889.

The members of the Conference gathered at Tallapudi during Saturday the 5th, so that on Sunday morning very few were absent. At 8 o'clock on Sunday morning the opening services commenced. The morning services, according to the Telugu Church Book for our Mission, were conducted by Rev. F. S. Dietrich, English Secretary of the Conference; and the sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Schmidt, the President. His subject was. "The First Council of the Christian Church;" text, Acts 15th chapter. He made special reference to how great encouragement we derive by looking over the past, and noticing what great victories have been gained by the Christian Church, and finally referred this same idea to *our own* Mission work, and said that we ought to rejoice over what the Lord has done for us.

Revs. Schmidt and McCready, pastor of the congregation, then distributed the Lord's Supper. Sixty-six persons partook of it; of these about fifty were Mission Agents. In the afternoon interesting Sunday-school exercises were held, participated in by the various members of the Conference. In the evening regular evening services were held.

Monday Morning, January 7th, 1889.

The Conference met, and was called to order by the President, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, at 8 A. M. The morning services of our Telugu Church Book were used; hymn No. 26 was sung, the 41st Psalm read, and a prayer offered.

The minutes of the last meeting of the previous year were then read, in both the English and Telugu languages. The President's Report was next in order. The President made special reference in his report to the following :

(1). The departure of Rev. I. K. Poulsen and family from our Mission field, not to return again.

(2). That in general no difficulties have been experienced in our Mission during the year.

(3). To his own pastoral work.

(4). To the much lamented death of Dr. B. M. Schmucker, Eng. Sec. of our Foreign Mission Committee.

(5). To the decoration of the Rev. C. W. Grœnning, formerly Missionary of our Mission, with the "Red Eagle," by the Emperor of Germany.

The election of officers was next in order. The President appointed Rev. McCready and J. William Garu as tellers. The result of the election was as follows :

For President—Rev. H. C. Schmidt, 30 votes.
Rev. F. S. Dietrich, 11 "
Rev. F. J. McCready, 8 "
Rev. W. Grœnning, 1 "
C. James Garu, 2 "

Rev. H. C. Schmidt was announced elected.

For English Secretary—Rev. F. S. Dietrich, 34 votes.
Rev. F. J. McCready, 9 "
Rev. W. Grœnning, 6 "
C. James Garu, 3 "

Rev. F. S. Dietrich was announced elected.

For Telugu Secretary—C. James Garu, 33 votes.
J. William Garu, 13 "
V. Screerumulu Garu, 2 votes.
T. Daniel Garu, 2 "

C. James Garu was announced elected.

The President appointed the following Committees :

Committee on the President's Report—Revs. F. J. McCready, N. Paulus and J. John Garu.

Committee on Absentees—Revs. W. Grœnning, T. Joseph and J. William Garu.

Auditing Committee to audit the Treasurer's account of the "Teachers' Contribution Fund" — Rev. H. C. Schmidt, J. William Garu and V. Screerumulu Garu.

The following teachers were then received as members of the Conference : Sicali Joseph, of the Velpur District, Raya Paradasi, of the Rajahmundry Boarding School, K. Michael, of the Samulcotta District, and Namabattula Prakasam, of the Korekonda District.

The following delegates were received:

Velpur District—A. Abraham, of Mahadevapatnam.
C. Cornelius, "
M. Thomas, of Vantra.
C. Jacob, of Konitavada.

Korekonda District—R. Jacob, of Munakodavali.

Talapudi District—Z. David, of Tallapudi.
G. Zohanu, of Waddapalli.
J. Noah, of Nandamuru.

Dowlaishwaram—S. Zohanu, Dowlaishwaram.

Samulcotta District—Z. Abraham, of Omungi.

The reports of teachers was next in order. The teachers of the Samulcotta District reported verbally.

The morning session then closed at 11 A. M., with prayer by Rev. N. Paulus.

January 7th, 2 P. M.

The Conference was called to order by the President, and the opening prayer was made by Rev. F. S. Dietrich. The minutes of the morning session were read in both the English and Telugu languages, and, after a few unimportant corrections in the Telugu, were approved. The teachers' reports continued, and the teachers of the Dowlaishwaram, Jagurupad, Rajahmundry, Velpur, Korekonda and Tallapudi Districts reported verbally. As the contents of these reports appear in substance in the reports of the Native Pastors and Missionaries in charge of these distrists, their insertion here is unnecessary. The Catechists, Evangelists, and finally the Native Pastors, Revs. Paulus and Joseph, handed in written reports. Their reports will be found preserved in a book for that purpose. The meeting closed at 4 P. M., with prayer by Rev. F. J. McCready.

January 8th, 8 A. M.

The Conference was called to order by the President, and opened by singing hymn No. 24, and with prayer by Rev. W. Grœnning.

The following delegates were then received: M. Samson, of Peddehem, M. Samuel, of Metta, and R. Moses, of Anawaram.

Reports were then continued. Rev. F. S. Dietrich reported on the work of the Samulcotta and Dowlaishwaram Districts. Rev. W. Grœnning gave a verbal report of his school work at Rajahmundry, and Rev. McCready read a statistical report of his work. T. Nathaniel, a teacher on trial in the Tallapudi District, was allowed to report. K. Prakasam Garu and N. Isaac, both of the Samulcotta District, asked leave of absence for the remaining days of the Conference, because they had to be present at the Thasildar's office, at Peddapur, to give testimony in a certain case. The Conference granted their request. A report by V. Ratnam Garu, of the Caste Girls' School, was then read by Rev. H. C. Schmidt.

The reports of Committees were in order, and the Committee on the

President's Report handed in their report. It contained the following propositions :

First. That we have great reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for His gentle dealings with us, and for prospering our work so greatly by shedding His abundant blessing on our labors, and that, in view of all these, we, therefore, render special thanks to Him in our prayer meeting on Wednesday evening.

Second. As the laborers are few, and the number has become still smaller by the retiring of the Rev. I. K. Poulsen, that although we are sorry to miss him here, we rejoice to learn that he has settled in America, that we would seize the opportunity to bring to the notice of our Home Committee, and the Church in general, the importance of earnestly beseeching the Lord to raise up willing hearts to go forth to fill up the vacant place in His vineyard, and that the President address a letter of congratulation to the Rev. Poulsen, also praying him not to forget us and our work.

Third. The irregularity of the pupils in not attending the schools has become such as to demand notice. The Christian parents ought to be made to understand that the Mission, out of its limited funds, is endeavoring to give their children a free education, and that they ought to appreciate fully the services the Mission is rendering them. They should make it their duty to send their children regularly to school, so that they may enjoy the intended benefit.

Fourth. That in each district a committee be appointed, which shall ascertain the time when no children attend the schools, and appoint such teacher's work in another place selected by this committee.

Fifth. That this same committee, after consulting with the leading Christians of the several villages, select certain central Christian villages, at which the Christians shall gather when the Sacraments are administered.

The five foregoing propositions were all passed.

The Conference closed the morning session with prayer by V. Screerumulu Garu.

January 8th, 2 P. M.

The Conference was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by C. James Garu.

The propositions presented by the Committee on the President's Report were then continued.

Sixth. In view of the many years' services which the late M. Alfred Garu rendered as teacher, during a time when the Mission was laboring under many difficulties, it was resolved that this Conference appoint Revs. N. Paulus, T. Joseph, and J. John Garu as a Committee to propose in what manner this Conference could most appropriately exhibit its appreciation of such services, to his widow and family.

Seventh. The establishment of that good practice of holding Preparatory Services in all parts of the field, we recommend; and being aware of the fact that many Christians do not count it a privilege to come to the

Lord's table, we recommend that those who do not attend these Preparatory Services be excluded from the Lord's table, except under exceptional circumstances.

Eighth. That the publication of a paper, as proposed and resolved last year by this Conference, be abandoned, and that we recommend and sustain the little paper (2 annas a year) published by "The Tract Society," which discusses the various important questions of this country at the present time, and that a committee be appointed to obtain subscribers for it at this meeting.

Ninth. We offer the following Minute expressive of the deep sorrow with which this Conference has read of the death of the Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker :

IN MEMORIAM.

At the meeting of the General Conference of the A. Ev. Luth. Mission, held on January 8th, 1889, at Tallapudi, the following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, It has pleased the great Head of the Church, in His wise Providence, to suddenly remove from the work of the Church and its Foreign Mission Committee, and receive into eternal rest, the Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, the first English Secretary of the General Council's Foreign Mission Committee, and

WHEREAS, By his death our Mission has sustained a serious loss, our Missionaries have lost a sure and good counsellor, and all of us, most of whom knew him by name only, a true friend and supporter ; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby give expression to the sense of the great loss we all have sustained by his death.

Resolved, That we hereby tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in their affliction, directing them to Him whom they know to be a true comforter.

Resolved, That we express our grief at the loss our Home Committee has sustained, and pray that the Lord may comfort their hearts, and place the departed Doctor's mantle on his successor in office.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the minutes, and a copy be forwarded to the family of the late Rev. Dr. Schmucker by the President.

(Signed) N. PAULUS,
F. J. MCCREADY,
J. JOHN,
} *Committee.*

Resolved, That a letter of congratulation be prepared and sent to the Rev. C. W. Grœnning, expressive of the high esteem in which he is here held, and assuring him that we rejoice in the honor shown him by the Emperor of Germany.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Treasurer's Report continue until the next meeting of the Conference, as the Treasurer has not brought his books, and therefore it is impossible for the Committee to render a report.

Resolved, That this Conference is of the opinion that although the use of wine and other fermented liquors is not in itself sinful, nevertheless it should be observed as a rule that all Mission Agents should abstain from strong drink,

and not take part in any feast where strong drink is used to excess ; and also that they should endeavor to teach all converts to live soberly, and to abolish all such heathenish customs ; that if a Mission Agent goes for drink to a toddy or liquor shop, or is found drunken he must be punished, and if he does not leave off such habits he must not remain in the service of the Mission.

Rev. N. Paulus read a brief production in regard to the question embodied in the above resolution. It was resolved by the Conference that it be printed by Rev. Schmidt for the use of our people in general.

The meeting closed with prayer by the President at 4 P. M.

JANUARY 9th, 8 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by Rev. F. J. McCready. The minutes of the previous meetings were read in both the English and Telugu languages, and, after some minor corrections and the insertion of the resolutions in regard to the Preparatory Services, verbally from the Committee's report, were adopted.

The Committee appointed last year to draw up a form of account for transacting the business between the various congregations, and the Treasurer reported and produced a form which was approved of by the Conference.

The Committee appointed on the 8th to draw up some proposals in connection with M. Alfred Garu's death handed in the following :

M. Alfred, who worked about twenty years in the Mission field of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, died last June. As he served faithfully during those twenty years, and was loved by all who knew him, and as he left neither property nor money for his family, we propose that we give expression to our appreciation of his faithful services, and show to his small family our gratitude, by giving an opportunity to all those who are employed in our Mission to contribute according to their own free will toward a purse for the benefit of his bereaved family. *

Further, that a copy of the subscription list be handed to the widow, and that all the money thus contributed be handed to Rev. W. Grœnning, by whom it is to be handed to the widow not later than the month of February, 1889.

(Signed) N. PAULUS, T. JOSEPH, G. JOHN, } *Committee.*

It was resolved by the Conference that Rev. F. J. McCready deliver a lecture on "Hindu Christian Customs," at the next annual meeting of the Conference.

It was proposed by Rev. Grœnning that a Committee consisting of the President, Rev. H. C. Schmidt and Revs. Paulus and Joseph be appointed to take up some of the most important questions referred to this morning, such as teachers' wives aiding their husbands in the Lord's work, teachers incurring debts and attending heathen festivals without a particular cause. Passed.

The morning session closed at 11 A. M., with prayer by Rev. Joseph.

* The amount raised was about 80 Rupees.—F. S. D., Secretary.

JANUARY 9th, 2 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President, and opened with prayer by C. James Garu.

The minutes of the morning session were read in both the English and Telugu languages, and approved as read. The "Widow Fund" was then taken up. It was proposed that the widow of M. Alfred should receive an allowance of 6 annas a month, and be exempted from contributing toward the "Teachers' Widow Fund."

Progress was reported in regard to the introduction of Wednesday evening services.

The election of Treasurers of the Congregational Fund was next in order. The following persons were elected: Rev. F. S. Dietrich, as Treasurer, and J. William Garu and V. Ratnam Garu, as Auditors of the Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad Districts.

Rev. F. J. McCready, as Treasurer, and P. Peter Garu and D. Brahmaya Garu, as Auditors of the Tallapudi District.

Rev. F. S. Dietrich, as Treasurer, and D. Peter Garu and N. Isaac Garu, as Auditors of the Samulcotta District.

Rev. Paulus, as Treasurer, and P. Prakasam Garu and P. Moses Garu, as Auditors of the Velpur District.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, as Treasurer, and P. V. Ratnam Garu and V. Screerumulu Garu, as Auditors of the Rajahmundry and Korekonda Districts.

The Hymn Book Committee reported progress.

It was proposed and resolved that the Secretaries send notices to the various committees two months before the meeting of the Conference.

As no more business was on hand the Conference adjourned, to meet again on the first Sunday in January, 1890, at Bheemawaram, Bheemawaram Taluk.

As everything passed off so happily and peacefully at this Conference meeting, we express our hearty thanks to the Lord, and our hearty appreciation of the kind reception given us by Rev. F. J. McCready at Tallapudi.

After singing hymn No. 20, and reading the 103d Psalm, the meeting was closed with prayer by the President.

(Signed) H. C. SCHMIDT, *Prest.*
F. S. DIETRICH, *Sec.*

Evening Exercises During the Conference Meeting.

Monday Evening. This evening Rev. H. C. Schmidt gave a lecture on "The Drinking Question," referred to in last year's meeting. A lively discussion followed the lecture, with the result of the resolution proposed by Rev. H. C. Schmidt, and passed by the Conference, as found recorded in the minutes of the 8th of January.

Tuesday Evening. This evening J. William Garu gave a lecture on "Infant Baptism." It was edifying, and appreciated by the audience. He brought forth some good arguments in favor of Infant Baptism.

Wednesday Evening. This evening a prayer meeting was held. All were present and in a spirit to enjoy the meeting. Several addresses and prayers were made, and the Word of God was read.

Thursday Evening. This evening the usual musical entertainment came off. It was a great improvement on last year. After the teachers had enjoyed the supper prepared for them by Rev. and Mrs. McCready, all gathered in the paka for the music. They appreciated the English tunes, but rejoiced over the Telugu music.

Friday Evening. This evening all left Tallapudi with satisfied hearts, and cheers for Rev. and Mrs. McCready and Tallapudi. I may conscientiously add that, on the whole, the Conference meeting was a complete success.

F. S. Dietrich, *Eng. Sec.*

MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

TALLAPUDI, January 10, 1889.

The Missionary Council of the Mission of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America met at Tallapudi on the 10th of January, 1889, at 2 P. M., and was called to order by the President, the Rev. W. Grœnning, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. H. C. Schmidt. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, in July, the election of officers took place. As there are so few missionaries, and as it is preferable not to change officers so frequently, Rev. W. Grœnning was re-elected President by acclamation. As the former Secretary, Rev. H. C. Schmidt, has been appointed Treasurer by the Home Committee, and can therefore no longer hold the office of Secretary, the Rev. F. S. Dietrich was also elected by acclamation.

The presence of the Native Pastors was required for some business, and therefore the order was changed, and the consideration of petitions taken up first. Petitions for increase of salary were read from P. Caleb, A. Isaac, A. Samuel, B. Johanu, V. Joseph. P. Lazarus and B. Brahmaya. Owing to the present state of the treasury, it was resolved that the Missionaries in charge of these districts give an increase of salary of one R. a month to each as soon as the condition of the treasury permits.

The employment, as teachers, of the young Christians who have been sent out from the Boarding School this year was then taken up. Twelve have passed out, and in the following order: R. Charlie, 1st; R. Thomas, B. Nagana, A. Daniel, P. Mesheck, A. Benjamin, K. Johnu and P. Mamaya, 2d; G. Isaac, B. Benjamin, N. Benjamin and T. Joseph, 3d. They were assigned as follows:

R. Charlie,	to the Jagurupad field,	at 5 Rs.	a month salary.
R. Thomas,	" "	"	"
K. Johnu,	" "	"	"
A. Daniel,	" Velpur,	"	"
P. Mesheck,	" "	"	"
A. Benjamin,	" "	"	"
G. Isaac,	" "	4–8	"
B. Benjamin,	" "	"	"
N. Benjamin,	" "	"	"
T. Joseph,	" "	5 Rs.	"
B. Nagana,	" Samulcotta,	"	"
P. Mamaya,	" "	"	"

It was proposed by the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, and seconded by the Rev. F. J. McCready, that our Mission schools be put under Government grant from November, 1889. Passed.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. McCready.

JANUARY 11th, 8 A. M.

The Council met and was called to order by the President, who also opened the meeting with prayer.

The President appointed Rev. McCready and himself the Auditing Committee.

Reports were then called for.

Rev. Schmidt had the same report which he read before the Conference, and, therefore, did not read it again. Revs. Dietrich, McCready and Grœnning read then the reports of their respective fields of work.

Unfinished business was next in order.

A petition for employment in the Mission as teacher, from T. Samuel, of Jagurupad, was presented, and a resolution passed that he be given to Rev. Grœnning, to be employed in the school at Rajahmundry, at 6 Rs. a month, for six months, on trial, and if he gives satisfaction, his permanent employment shall be considered.

Resolved, That the old rule that teachers, after eight years' service, are entitled to 8 Rs. pay a month, be rescinded.

Resolved, That P. Peter, of the Tallapudi District, receive 4 As. batta a day when he travels in the jungle.

Resolved, That John, of Velpur, be taken on trial as teacher, at 5 Rs. a month pay, as soon as he is married.

Resolved, That the dismissal and excommunication of B. Daniel, teacher of the Samulcotta District, be confirmed; and also that of D. Lazarus, teacher of the Dowlaishwaram District, on account of serious offences, be confirmed.

Resolved, That S. Johanu, acting teacher at Veemagherny Guttu, continue on trial six months more.

Resolved, That E. James, of the Velpur District, who ran away from the Boarding School and went to Rangoon, and who asks now to be taken on as teacher, be informed that he must go back to the school, according to the regular rules, and then pass out.

The morning session closed with prayer by Rev. McCready.

JANUARY 11th, 3 P. M.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dietrich. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Resolved, That the Committee (Revs. Schmidt and Dietrich) appointed to prepare a form of Baptismal Register, continue and prepare also forms for Congregational Registers and Teachers' Monthly Reports.

Resolved, That as Rev. Grœnning has no need of D. David, he be given to Rev. McCready, as teacher in his District, at the same pay.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Schmidt.

JANUARY 12th, 8 A. M.

The meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Schmidt. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That each member of the Missionary Council make a translation into Telugu of the Preparatory Service, as adopted by the General Council in

America, and produce the translation at the July meeting of the Missionary Council; and that the Secretary procure 12 copies of both the English and the German editions from America.

The Committee (Revs. Schmidt and Grœnning) appointed by the Home Committee to make an estimate of the cost of printing the Bible History prepared by Rev. W. Grœnning, reported that they have forwarded an estimate to the Home Committee. The Missionary Council resolved that 400 Rs., more or less, as the number of pages may be more or less than 300, be recommended to the Home Committee to be granted for this purpose.

Resolved, That Luther's Small Catechism, in Telugu, be sold at 3 pies a copy.

JANUARY 12th, 2 P. M.

The opening prayer was made by Rev. Grœnning. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Rev. Schmidt then made the following proposal:

"WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt explains that he understood the following in Dr. Schmucker's letter, of March 17th, 1888:

"1. 'That Rev. Dietrich be directed, for the present, to occupy the Mission House, at Samulcotta, and to take temporary charge and oversight of the Samulcotta District.

"2. 'That Rev. Schmidt shall have charge, temporarily, of the work at Dowlaishwaram, and that, in consultation with Rev. Dietrich, and in accordance with his plans, and under the agreement which he has made, Rev. Schmidt shall superintend the completion of the Mission House at Dowlaishwaram, to mean that he should not give up his present work, but in addition to it, complete the Mission House at Dowlaishwaram, the foundation of which, at that time, had not even been laid, and,

"WHEREAS, He has plenty of work already, and as Mr. Dietrich can just as well superintend the Jagurupad District, and the Dowlaishwaram congregation from Samulcotta,

"THEREFORE, It is proposed that he be permitted to do so, on condition that Rev. Schmidt render such assistance as his time and strength will allow."

It was resolved that the Council concur in Rev. Schmidt's proposal.

The estimates for the ensuing six months were then read:

Rev. Schmidt's	estimate	for	1889		4850	Rs.
" Grœnning's	"	"	6 months		1615	"
" "	"	"	"	(Mohammedan Sch.)	150	"
" McCready's	"	"	"		827	"
" Dietrich's	"	"	"	(Dowl. Field)	1105	"
" "	"	"	"	(Samulcotta)	750	"

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Dietrich.

(Signed) W. GRŒNNING, *Prest.*
F. S. DIETRICH, *Sec.*

The Rajahmundry and Korukonda Districts.

Parochial Report

For the Half-year ending December 31, 1888. Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.		No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.		Loss.		No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Compared with last half-year.
			Adults.	Christian Children.			R	A	P	By Baptism.		By Death.				Gain.	
1	Rajahmundry		1	3	76	75	38	4	6	4	1	73	83	156	3		
2	Gonegudiem	B. John	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	5	2	7	...		
3	Bolledupadu		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6	...		
4	Singaram	Joseph	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	..		
5	Srirangapatnam	Prakasham	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...		
6	Moonakodavilli		6	6	...	...	...	.	...	12	...	...	...	12	12		
		Total	7	9	82	81	39	4	6	16	1	84	89	185	15		

Velpur District.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1888.

The Rev. N. Paulus, Native Pastor.

July to December 31st, 1888.

By the infinite mercy of God all of us in the district were protected during the last year very wonderfully. Glory be to His name.

Although there had been some symptoms of dangers and difficulties, yet the Lord blessed His people abundantly by various means.

The crops, etc., flourished generally. Although the price of grain was suddenly raised to a high figure, and consequently most of the poor suffered much through starvation, yet the Lord was kind enough to put down the prices of the same very soon, and thus not only He showed His glory to the people, but released them from their sufferings of starvation, as He did for His disciples while they were in trouble at sea.

At the middle of the year several people expired through cholera, and the cattle died of the plague; but there was no trouble by inundation. Though we expected some trouble from the authorities, yet the Lord kindly protected us from all such.

The people are, as a general thing, attentive to the Word of God preached amongst them, but the laborers are few.

In many of the villages the influence of Christianity is far spreading. The respectable classes of people, here and there, advise the low and poor classes to become Christians and get their children educated; but there are no signs

of the high and rich classes becoming Christians. Caste prejudices and hatred for Christianity, as well as the encouragement for idolatry, are fading away. Education and civilization are advancing.

By the grace of God I was permitted to itinerate more than usual, and so, in many respects, the work of God is much stronger and better than it was some years past. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are insufficient. I hope and pray the Lord will soon provide many good and faithful laborers for His harvest.

All glory be to Him alone forever. Amen.

No. of Baptisms	217
" Communicants	281
" Pupils	325
" Marriages	15
" Deaths	12
" Schools	28
" Teachers	20
" Evangelists	3
" Enquirers	200
" English Villages	10

	Rs.	As.	Ps.
Sum of money sent to M. B. S.	20		
Annual collections from teachers	17	4	
Sum of communion collections	3	7	5
" money allowed for the poor	2	4	
Money levied on Mission Agents, etc.	42	14	
Sum of school fees	6		
" salaries for the Mission Agents	2208	11	4
Expenses for repairs	4		

Your most obedient servant in the Lord,

N. Paulus.

Semi-Annual School Report of the Velpur District.

December 31st, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School. No. of Children.	Boys. Christian.	Boys. Heathen.	Girls Christian.	Girls Heathen.	No. of Classes.	BOOKS USED.	SCHOOL FEES. Rs	A	P
1	Velpur	R. Yohanu	10	4	1	5	...	2	I. II. and III. Books, New Testament Stories, Catechism, Exodus and Songs, Arithmetic, Alphabet, and Geography.	...	...	...
2	Bobarazupalem	D. Nathaniel	14	3	7	4	...	...		.....	...	...
3	Meena Illur	R. Isaac	10	3	7	...	...	2		.....	...	...
4	Mallaishwaram	R. Nathaniel	18	10	4	4	...	3		.....	...	...
5	Agartapalem	P. Lazar	8	5	2	1	...	...		1	5	8
6	Visakodairu	E. Yohanu	10	.....	...	...	...	...		.....	5	
7	Tadairu and	G. Cornelius	10	3	7	...	...	2		...	...	...
8	Korrapad											
9	Kumadaveli	P. Gnananprakasem	43	15	19	4	5	...		.....	...	...
10	Royalam	C. H. Joseph	7	6	...	1	...	3		...	...	...
11	Bhimawaram		5	1	...	4	...	...				
12	Gorlamoodee	P. Moses	28	...	3	...	...	...		...	...	...
13	Komarada											
14	Gootlapad	G. Paradasy	10	3	...	...	...	2		...	6	...
15	Pedaniram	P. Caleb	20	...	...	...	...	4		...	6	...
16	Chinamiram											
17	Kopilla	A. Samuel	12	7	5	...	...	1		.....	...	...
18	Seesali	B. Yohanu	8	.....	...	...	...	...		.....	8	3
19	Undi	E. Zachrias	13	.....	...	...	...	...		.....	...	...
20	Kolamur	P. Lazar	8	3	5	...	...	...		.....	...	...
21	Uppulur	B. Venka	19	.....	...	...	...	2		.....	...	...
22	Chilkuru	Shadrach	9	.....	...	...	...	...		.....	...	...
23	Mahadavipatnam	A. Isaac	.....	2	...	8	...	...		.....	...	...
24	Hamawaram.. and	V. Joseph	25	.....	...	...	...	...		..	...	...
25	Elitur											
26	Jugganadhapuram	K. Joseph	10	...	...	...	...	...		.....	...	...
27	Vandra	E. Samuel	7	7	...	...	...	...		.....	...	...
28	Annakodairu	N. Stephen	11	10	...	1	...	...		.....	...	...
		Total...	315	82	60	32	5	21				

Remarks.—Very poor children are unable to buy books, and so they do not pay fees.

Parochial Report

For the half-year ending December 31st, 1888, of the Velpur District. Rev. N. Paulus, Pastor.

Number.	Names of Villages.	Names of Teachers.	No. Baptized during the half year.			No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	Congregational Collections.			Gain.			Loss.			Total Number of Christians.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.	Christian Children.			R.	A.	P.	By Baptism.	Total.	By Death.	Back-Sliders.	By Removal.	Total.	
1	Velpur	R. Yohanu	...	...	...	14	12	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
2	Mallipudi		...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
3	Bobarazupalem	D. Nathaniel	3	...	...	15	11	...	6	...	3	3	2	...	...	2	51
4	Meena Illur	R. Isaac	...	...	...	8	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	22
5	Mukkamala		...	...	...	3	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
6	Mallaishwaram	R. Nathaniel	...	...	...	12	15	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
7	Khandavelli		...	...	...	... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
8	Vodali		...	.. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
9	Nadipudi		....	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
10	Jugganadhapuram	K. Joseph	...	...	...	9	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
11	Palcole		...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
12	Agartapalem	P. Lazar	1	...	...	...	11	...	12	..	1	1	2	...	...	2	35
13	Adivipalem		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
14	Konitavada		...	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	9
15	Talataditippa		...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
16	Doosanapoodi		...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
17	Kamatalapatti		...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	20
18	Korrapad		1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	1	78
19	Karukuvada		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	1
20	Eminapalli		...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
21	Tadairu	G. Cornelius	...	...	1	16	10	...	7	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	24
22	Visakodairu	E. Yohanu	...	...	2	...	10	...	11	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	76
23	Vandra	G. Samuel	3	...	...	10	9	1	8	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	25
24	Kumadavelli	G. Gnanaprakasem	...	2	2	...	14	...	7	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	31
25	Bhimavaram	C. H. Joseph	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
26	Balusumudi		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
27	Royalam	C. H. Joseph	1	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	6	6	1	...	...	1	34
28	Annakodairu	N. Stephen	...	...	2	31	24	...	8	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	106
29	Gorlamoodee	P. Moses	...	...	4	62	...	...	7	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	126
30	Komarada																
31	Chinamiram	P. Caleb	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
32	Pedamiram	P. Caleb	...	...	1	27	13	...	5	...	..	5	1	...	...	...	47
33	Kopilla	A. Samuel	...	...	...	8	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	2	2	4	42
34	Seesali	B. Yohanu	1	...	1	...	...	..	12	...	2	2	...	1	1	2	51
35	Mahadavipatnam	A. Isaac	...	...	1	...	...	1	10	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	50
36	Chihikuru	H. Shadrach	...	...	...	2	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	39
37	Uppulur	B. Venkana	...	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
38	Agraharam		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	13
39	Undi	E. Zachrias	5	...	8	9	...	1	13	...	13	13	...	...	...	...	53
40	Kolisipudi		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
41	Balusuvanigudem		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
42	Elitur	V. Joseph	3	...	7	14	11	2	11	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	65
43	Hamawaram																
44	Srunjawruksham		...	.. ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
45	Gootlapad	G. Paradasy	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
46	Palakodairu		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	8
47	Kolamur	P. Lazar	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	10	10	...	...	...	...	10
48	Gunupudi		1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
49	Sandaparru		1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
50	Beanavamjudem		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
		Total	27	2	45	295	152	22	3	...	73	73	7	12	3	22	1388

Parochial Report.

For the Half-year ending December 31, 1888, of the Jagurupad District. Rev. T. Joseph, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.			No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Marriages	Congregational Collection.			Gain.				Loss.			No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Compared with last half-year.		REMARKS.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.	Christian Children.				R	A	P	By Baptism.	Re-admission.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By Exclusion.	By removing to other places.	Total.				Loss.	Gain.	
1	Jagurupad	T Hannamma..	3	5	...	88	60	1	1	2	11	8	1	...	9	3	1	4	61	88	149	...	7	
2	Muramunda	M. Cornelius	1	...	1	40	30	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	2	2	21	40	61	...	...	
3	Madrayudupalem	V. Ratnam	...	...	4	5	5	...	...	15	...	4	...	5	9	...	...	...	6	5	11	...	10	
4	Yelakotadu	.....	...	...	...	1	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	...	
5	Adi Savarem	.....	...	...	...	3	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	...	...	
6	Yadithi	.....	...	...	..	6	5	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	6	10	...	...	
7	Navapetta	R. Yohanu	...	...	2	4	3	...	1	5	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	6	4	10	4	...	
8	Kudapilunka	M. Lazarus	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	...	1	There are some losses not accounted for, owing to Christians moving to other places.
9	Lolla	E. Daniel	..	...	...	8	8	...	1	8	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	.....	8	8	1	...	
10	Ralli	.....	...	..	...	1	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	...	
11	Polavarem	N. Thomas	...	...	...	9	7	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	11	1	...	
12	Atrapuram	.....	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	...	
13	Paravarem	P. Isaac	...	...	1	8	7	...	...	12	...	1	5	...	6	...	...	...	5	8	13	...	5	
14	Veemagherry	.....	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	8	...	1	
15	Kasawarem	P. Benjamin	...	...	...	7	4	...	1	5	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	8	...	...	
16	Ramachendrapurem	.....	...	...	..	3	3	...	...	15	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6	...	3	
17	Balabhadrapurem	M. William	1	...	..	1	.....	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	1	
18	Bickole	.....	...	...	...	2	.....	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2	2	...	...	
19	Thottapudi	.....	1	...	...	1	.....	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	1	...	...	...	.....	1	1	...	1	
		Total	6	5	8	197	138	1	11	1	11	19	7	5	31	3	3	6	114	197	311	6	29	

The Samulcotta District.

From July 1st to December 31st, 1888.

The Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Missionary in Charge.

The work in general has gone on as usual. Viewing the field according to its extent, no progress has been made. There are, perhaps, fewer Christians than before; but those who remain are the ones who are in proper standing with the Church, and are not afraid to be Christians. There were a good many, as Bro. Poulsen wrote also in one of his last reports, who were doubtful. Some of these drew back, as I wanted them to be either one or the other. I have good hopes that the work begun will soon take a more progressive aspect. As it is a new field, it requires planting and working.

About half of the 70 days' traveling reported in my Dowlaishwaram report were spent in this field. I visited all the villages in which there are Christians, and spent several days at each village, and procured land for schools, and made such other arrangements as are necessary to carry on the work properly. I have also visited many new villages in which we might reap a harvest if we had enough workers.

There are several important or rather serious difficulties in the way of the people becoming Christians:

First. They are very poor, and many are the servants of the ryots, who treat them like slaves. If they become Christians, the ryots do all they can to turn them away again, and as the Hindu is naturally timid and indifferent in regard to religious matters, such threats go far in preventing the people from acknowledging Christianity openly.

Second. In some of the villages the people are exceedingly wicked, and this makes it difficult for the few who become Christians, for they are constantly surrounded with these wicked practices, so that unless they are persons of decided character, they are very apt to relapse into such a life as makes them unfit to be considered Christians. The leaven is slowly working, however, and my hope is that a few years more will bring about a change in these places. The teachers might do much more if they were the kind of men they ought to be; but so many of them are either deficient in education or in moral courage. They do not seem to be able to stand up properly for the cause they are to represent. All these things are obstacles which time, earnest work and the grace of God alone will overcome.

The school work has put on a more encouraging aspect. I procured land at Peddapore, and the teacher now occupies the Mission's own house. At Pratipad the Zamindar has promised me land for a school house site. At Gorintha the Thahasildhar promised land. Houses will now have to be erected at these places.

I am sorry to say that it was necessary to dismiss and excommunicate B. Daniel, a teacher of this District, on account of his misconduct, notwithstanding he had been kindly and earnestly admonished to forsake his evil ways. He brought much dishonor to our work.

The schools in general are improving, and I have good hopes that the young people will be the means of bringing about a great change in the history of many of these villages. There are quite a number of young people who are able to read, and who employ themselves in some useful occupation, so that they are kept away from such things as are the cause of the ruin of others.

According to a resolution passed by the Missionary Council in July, 1888, the Boarding School at Samulcotta is to be abolished in January, 1889, and the pupils to be sent to the Rajahmundry Boarding School. There are, at present, only six scholars, one girl and five boys. The boarding department went on pretty well, considering that no Missionary was constantly present at the place. I am very sorry to state here that two of the young men who promised to be of great use to the Mission have been guilty of theft, so that they will not be of any direct use to our Mission in the future, as far as human foresight can penetrate.

I administered the Lord's Supper twice during the eight months I have had charge. The statistical report is given on a separate paper. On Christmas we had a "tree," and quite a number of persons were present.

They rejoiced greatly, and especially the children. I gave to each boarding boy, besides the regular presents, a red cap with a white cross on. They seemed to be much pleased, because it was just the color they liked.

May the Lord grant abundant blessings, so that His Kingdom may increase rapidly.

F. S. Dietrich.

Semi Annual School Report of Samulcotta District.

December 31st, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		
1	Cuttamore.....	B. Prakasim.....	7	...	3	...	4	1	Alph. A, B & C.
2	Gorinta	K. Michael.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	
3	Peddapore	J. Venkataswamy	6	2	3	...	1	...	III B & C.
4	Jaggampett..	D. Peter.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	..	
5	Prattipadu.....	R. David.....	8	...	4	...	4	3	2d, 3d, 4th; Cat. Luth.; Brobst Chil. Cat.
6	Rajahbhoopalpatnam	K. Moses.....	12	6	6	...	.....	2	II B & C.
7	Raghampetta.....	K. Michael.....	8	8	.....	...	.....	2	II, III B & C.
		Total.....	41	16	16	...	9	8	

Parochial Report

For the Half-year ending December 31, 1888, of the Samulcotta District. Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.			No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.			Loss.			No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.	Christian Children.			R	A	P	By Baptism.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By Death.	Back-Sliders.	Total.			
1	Katlamoor...	B. Prakasam.....	...	...	...	17	6	13	2	3	...	1	1	...	3	3	1	17	18
2	Pratipadu..... Dharmawaram.. Omungi.....	R. David.....	...	2	1	20	9				3	.....	3	4	10	14	10	20	30
3	Jagampetta	D. Peter.....	...	..	...	4	3				...	.....	...	..	2	2	2	4	6
4	Peddapur	J. Venkataswami..	...	...	...	8	5				...	....	...	..	12	12	2	8	10
5	Rajahgopaul.....	K. Moses.....	...	1	...	25	2				1	.....	1	1	2	3	6	25	31
6	Pulameeru ..... Gorimtra	.....	...	2	...	6	3				2	.....	2	....	5	5	2	6	8
7	Ragampetta..... Samulcotta.....	K. Michael..... N. Isaac, Board'g School Teacher.	1	1	...	24	16				2	.....	2	...	1	1	14	24	38
		Total.....	1	6	1	104	44				8	1	9	5	35	40	37	104	141

The contribution of the whole district.

The Dowlaishwaram District.

From July 1st to December 31st, 1888.

The Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Missionary in Charge.

Another half year has passed, and we are at the threshold of 1889. The Lord's tender care, as always, has been over us, so that we enjoyed health and strength to follow our work, and added His blessing, so that our labor was not in vain. Looking back over the past six months, I see many special blessings bestowed by our dear Lord upon my feeble efforts, so that fruits were reaped in some fields beyond my expectation; and where troubles and difficulties seemed to be looming up, His gracious Hand went ahead and cleared all up, so that I could see my way clear to act and put all in proper order. For all these blessings our hearts are thankful, and our prayers go up that the coming year may be equally full of blessings.

During the past six months I spent most of the time in traveling. I have now two districts in charge, and this gives me really more work than I am able to attend to. I spent 70 days in traveling in the villages, exclusive of the time spent in Samulcotta itself, and in such tours for which I received no batta. As the rainfall was very deficient during the last rainy season, traveling in the villages was comparatively pleasant. Though many inter-

esting incidents might be noted, yet, during all these days, but very few unpleasant events occurred. I found many ready listeners, and but few who made real opposition. That Christianity is not making more rapid progress, is not owing to the real opposition offered by the heathen, but the great indifference in regard to religious matters. One thing is clearly noticeable; namely, that the heathen no more look indifferently upon Christianity as they have done heretofore. They begin to see that it is a real power, and that it is threatening the Hindu religions. Here and there a little excitement may be noticed among the higher caste people; some Missionaries seem to be a little troubled over it, but as for myself, I regard it as the dawn of a better day. I think it is just the thing desired. Up to the present time the heathen regarded the Christian religion as so much inferior to their own, that no attempt to oppose it was necessary. Now Hinduism is drawing up its strength, and begins to marshal it against the Christian religion. It will be no longer a lurking foe, but an enemy in open battle. That it has come to this we ought rather to rejoice, because if there is any strength in Christianity it will soon come out victorious; and is it not able to meet its foe in open combat? If so it is not worth having. Is there a heart that would have the least doubt as to the victory? I am anxiously looking forward to the next five or ten years, for I believe that great events will happen in the religious world during this period.

The congregations are, in general, the same as before. The Sunday question is one of importance among the Christians in my field. Very few observe it thoroughly. Some are even so bold as to claim to be good members of the Church without observing the day. It has become a question in my mind whether or not every one who is heedless of a proper Sunday observance should be excommunicated. It would perhaps not be expedient to go at once to that extreme, but something ought to be done to remedy this growing evil in our Mission. The indifference of European officials in government employment in regard to Sunday has a bad influence in the mind of the native, and makes it doubly difficult for a Missionary to eradicate the evil.

The *drinking question* and the *extraordinary expenses for wedding purposes*, thus running many into debt, are another class of evils which must be vigorously assailed, or else our work will, sooner or later, suffer greatly. It is painful to observe that men, even in prominent positions, cannot abstain from indulging in these evil habits. When it is noticed among such persons, what more can be expected from the people in general? The Hindu seems never happier than when he is engaged in weddings or law suits, or making debts. These alone seem to arouse him to his full energy. The Christian convert seems not to be able to shake off this characteristic. It is pitiable to see nearly three-fourths of our Mission Agents in debt. Some of these who have a salary which ought to support them well by a little proper management, are deep in debt. I have taken special notice of this evil during the last six months, and am fully convinced that it has a baneful influence in the Mission work. Agents contract debts, and then allow the

extraordinary interest to accumulate to such an extent as to make it impossible for them to liquidate it, and the consequence is, that they begin to shirk the debt, and litigation follows, which results generally in disgrace to the Christian name. The evil must be met in time. I thought it might be advisable to make such agents as have a competent salary, and yet run into debt, give an account of their expenses. This would show where the evil lies.

The schools are in better condition than during the previous year, yet there is much room for improvement. The Jagurupad, Guttu and Dowlaishwaram schools did well in the annual examination.

The Baladrapuram, Kadapilunka and Parawaram schools have made a good beginning, and I hope will continue to improve during the coming year.

The other schools are in a poor condition. I reduced the pay of the two teachers a rupee a month, because their work was too unsatisfactory. One teacher I had to change to another village on account of difficulties between him and some others. Another, I am sorry to say, I had to dismiss because of his insubordination. Although admonished, he continued in his perverse ways, and would have proved a stumbling block to many.

I offered prizes last year for Bible stories, Catechism and arithmetic; five rupees for each subject. The Jagurupad school took the prize in Catechism, Guttu school in arithmetic, and the Dowlaishwaram school in Bible stories.

The congregation at Dowlaishwaram has added some good members, and this gave it greater stability. We now have some of the most influential men of the lower castes in our congregation, and there are bright prospects for the coming year. If I could use my whole time at Dowlaishwaram it would develop more rapidly; but as I have to leave it entirely for some time, I fear the interest will slacken and become stagnant.

I baptized, in Dowlaishwaram itself, 17 persons, and 10 in other places; total, 27 during the last six months. Confirmed 1 at Dowlaishwaram, and performed 1 marriage ceremony. One unbaptized child, of Christian parents, died at Dowlaishwaram. A total of 33 souls were added during the year to the Dowlaishwaram congregation. This is encouraging, and especially if we remember that they are all the most respectable people of their respective castes.

The Christmas communion was the largest we have had yet in Dowlaishwaram. Thirty-three communed. The congregation is growing nicely, and the members live in peace. My prayer is, that Satan may not be allowed to make disturbance. The Lord has been good and gracious unto us, for which our hearts shall praise Him.

F. S. Dietrich.

Semi-Annual School Report of Dowlaishwaram District.

December 31st, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS	Day School.					
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.	
1	Dowlaishwaram, (Boys')	M. Yesudas.. ..... / V. Gapalam.....	46	6	40	.....	.....	4
2	Dowlaishwaram, (Girls')	N. Annamma.....	26	.....	.....	10	16	3
3	Vemagheri Gattu.....	S. Yohan.....	32	6	20	.....	6	3
		Total.....	104	12	60	10	22	10

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For the Half-year ending December 31, 1888, of the Dowlaishwaram District. Rev. F. S. Dietrich, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.			No. of Confirmed.	No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	No. of Marriages.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.				Loss.		No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Gain.	Compared with last half-year.
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism	Christian Children.					R	A	P	By Baptism.	Re-admission.	From other Congregations.	Total.	By removing to other places.	Total.					
1	Dowlaishwaram	M. Yasudasu, N. Anama, V. Gopaul, S. Yohanu,	9	7	1	1	52	39	1	8	12	5½	17	3	2	22	2	2	36	52	88	18	
2	Guttu.....	...																					

Semi-Annual School Report of Jagurupad District.

December 31st, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.					Night School			Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.		No of Children.	
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.		
1	Jagurupad	T. Hanna Margaret	30	13	2	14	1	4	.....	.....	.....	I, II, III B & C.
2	Muramunda	M. Cornelius	12	3	1	6	2	2	.....	.....	.....	I, II B & C.
3	Maharayudupalem	V. Ratnam	10	1	3	2	4	2	.....	.....	.....	" "
4	Norapet	R. Yohan	16	4	6	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	" "
5	Kadipilunka	M. Lazarus	19	2	14	...	3	2	.....	.....	.....	" "
6	Lolla	E. Daniel	12	..	...	...	...	3	1	11	12	" "
7	Polavaram	N. Thomas	8	...	8	...	...	2	.....	...	.....	I B & C.
8	Peravaram	P. Isaac	20	1	17	2	...	2	.....	.....	.....	I, II B & C.
9	Casavaram	P. Benjamin	6	...	3	...	3	2	.....	.....	.....	I B & C.
10	Balaburapuru	M. William	20	1	19	...	...	2	.....	.....	.....	I, II B & C.
		Total	153	25	73	27	16	23	1	11	12	

The Tallapudi District.

From July 1st to December 31st, 1888.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, Missionary in Charge.

There have been a few changes during the last six months in my assistants. Ch. Anandum came back sick from his preaching trip to the hills, and I sent him, temporarily, to Rajahmundry to assist in Rev. Grœnning's school as a change. He has been there since August. V. Mark, who also made the tour to the hills, fell sick with fever, and during the last seven months has not been able to do any work. To fill Ch. Anandum's place I temporarily employed I. Nathaniel, of Muramanda, and placed him in charge of the Peddehem Day and Night Schools, and the Rawalapad School, and during one month, when the attendance at the Peddehem Day School was very bad, and when internal disturbances ruled among the Christians, as a warning to them, I sent him to teach the Mulkapilli School, in the morning session. I expected V. Mark to resume his duties at an early date. The arrangement succeeded so far as to bring peace to the people of Peddehem. All services were stopped, and the school closed, and would be so until they would heal the strife that was daily increasing in strength, and in which many were becoming involved.

I. Nathaniel has been at Peddehem since September, and I found, on both the occasions I visited the place since he was posted there, that he was not capable of managing the important point of Peddehem, where he has to attend to two day and one night school, to two congregations, and to one Sunday-school. He is a lad, and will answer in any place where the standard is the lowest, and where there is only one congregation.

P. Peter continued to teach in the two schools of Nundamur and Kovur, and attended to the congregations of Nundamur, Gowripilli and Waddapilly, and also prepared the converts of Kovur for baptism. I found him of use during the half year, and intend appointing him as an Evangelist from the beginning of the year. He is a good preacher, and delights in such work.

K. Daniel taught school at Dommoor during the half year, and attended to the Sunday-school at Dommoor and Kovur. Five of his eleven pupils passed the Government grant examination. P. Samuel worked in the Nundigudiem School, and for the two months spent his mornings in the Guddigudiem School, until the parents of that village refused to send their children until they would have a teacher for themselves. He, along with J. Cornelius, attended to the congregations at Kurragapod, Guddigudiem and Nundigudiem. When there, in the early part of the month, I had arranged for Communion, selecting the place most suitable for the Christians, but they failed to meet me. I have reference here to Nundigudiem. A short time before this they took part in a heathen festival, in which they had to sing un-Christian songs, and indulge in drink. I had to suspend all the school and congregation until they would repent and promise to live more in conformity with the gospel, and until they would appreciate the privileges of prayer and the Sacraments, and value them so as to be prepared to receive and join in them at such times as the Church appoints. One of them visited me twice, and expressed himself as sorry, but I told him it was a matter in which all were concerned, and there should be united action.

J. Cornelius was teacher at Gopaulpore during the half year, and I found him incapable of continuing longer in the place, for the pupils have reached a standard he cannot teach. Three of his pupils passed the Government examination. He attended to the Sunday-school at Gopaulpore, and helped the other teacher, P. Samuel, at the services at Guddigudiem and Kurragapad.

D. Bromiah succeeded Ch. Anandum at Tallapudi, and taught all the subjects in the day school, except English and arithmetic, which were taught for a time by a Brahmin, and subsequently by a Sudra. Bromiah also looked after the night school at Tallapudi, and took a special interest in the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, and whenever I was absent he took my place in the services.

I left Rajahmundry on the 9th of August, with my family, and spent a month and ten days in Madras and other stations down South. We returned to our home and work on the 19th of September. We visited several Mission stations, and learned much of interest and value to us in our work.

The Sunday-school at Tallapudi is getting to be very interesting, for the attendance is better than at the other services. During the half year the gospel has taken root in two new villages—one opposite to Rajahmundry, and the other in the hills. The Government gave me land for schools in these new villages, and I took charge of the same. Cemetery land has been measured out at Nundamur, and I expect an order to take charge of it in a few days. The Government land held by the Mission in Penkellametta I

converted into a freehold by paying the tax for twenty years at once. I purchased sites for schools and other purposes at Bullipad and Dommoor, in both of which, land could not be obtained in any other way.

The corner stone of our church was laid by me on the 26th of November last. The Rev. Grœnning was present with us, and addressed the people on the occasion. After the work had been completed to some extent, it was discovered that the masons had been cheating, and the whole of the work done was dug up, and the work is now going on slowly and surely. In my collections for the church I have received help from only two Englishmen of our district. My friends and others elsewhere are rendering good help. The native Christians are not as ready to give as they are to write their names in a list, and the amount I have so far collected from them has fallen far below my expectations. It is very hard to get anything out of people who live from hand to mouth.

I visited and examined all the schools before the close of the year, and administered the Sacraments as usual.

There are signs of a future ingathering of souls in many villages, for many are anxious about their state. We sold and distributed more tracts this year than ever before, and that means that the Word is finding an entrance into many homes. Praying the Lord to mercifully regard us during the coming year, and help us to serve Him zealously and earnestly.

F. J. McCready.

Semi-Annual School Report of Tallapudi District.

December 31, 1888.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Night School.			Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.		No. of Children.	
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.		
1	Dommoor	K. Daniel.....	11	...	9	...	2	2	...	...	...	Telugu Genesis, Luther's Small
2	Gopaulpore.....	J. Cornelius...	12	...	9	...	3	2	...	...	...	Catechism, N. T. Stories, Geography
3	Guddigudiem ...	P. Samuel.....	5	2	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	of Madras Presidency, Second Stand-
4	Kovur.....	P. Peter	13	...	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	ard Arithmetic, Telugu Manuscript,
5	Mulkapilli.....	V. Mark.....	14	...	8	2	4	1	...	...	...	English First Book, Old Testament
6	Nundamur..	P. Peter	7	2	1	4	...	2	...	...	...	Stories, First Standard Arithmetic,
7	Nundigudiem....	P. Samuel	5	2	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	Telugu Second Book, Telugu First
8	Peddehem.....	I. Nathaniel...	6	1	2	3	...	4	3	9	12	Book, Brobst's Catechism, Object
9	Rawalopod.....	"	6	...	3	...	3	1	...	...	...	Lessons, Dawson's Hymn Book.
10	Tallapudi	D. Bramiah ...	13	7	3	3	...	5	14	6	20	
		Total.....	92	14	48	17	13	22	17	15	32	

Parochial Report

For the Half-year ending December 31, 1888, of the Tallapudi District.
Rev. F. J. McCready, Pastor.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. Baptized during the half-year.			No. of Communicants.	No. Communed.	Congregational Collection.			Gain.			Loss.			No. of Children	No. of Adults.	Total No. of Christians.	Compared with last half-year.	
			Adults.	Children from Heathenism.	Christian Children.			R	A	P	By Baptism.	From other Congregations.	Total.	Back-Sliders.	By removing to other places.	Total.				Loss.	Gain.
1	Bundapad	....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	.....	.....	1	...
2	Gopaulpore	J. Cornelius	...	...	...	2	2	2	13	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...
3	Gowripilli	.....	...	...	2	8	6	..	13	6	2	1	3	...	...	...	3	8	11	...	3
4	Guddigudiem	....	...	...	1	7	6	...	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	12	7	19	...	1
5	Kovur	....	19	12	...	.....	...	...	...	...	31	...	31	...	...	...	19	12	31	...	31
6	Kurragapad	.....	...	...	..	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	5	...	...
7	Metta	.....	...	...	...	4	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	4	5	...	...
8	Mulkapilli	V. Mark	...	...	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	9	...	...
9	Nundamur	P. Peter	...	...	...	6	6	8	7	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	6	13	...	...
10	Nundigudiem	P. Samuel	...	...	...	15	2	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	25	...	...
11	Peddehem	I. Nathaniel	...	...	1	16	8	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	16	16	32	...	1
12	Penkellametta	K. Daniel	...	...	...	4	1	9	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	4	9	...	...
13	Pushvadala	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	1	...
14	Ramanapalem	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	1	...
15	Tallapudi	Bramiah	1	...	1	28	18	22	4	10	2	3	5	...	...	...	21	29	50	...	5
16	Sappareddygud'm	....	2	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2
17	Waddapilly	.....	...	...	1	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	1
		Total	22	12	6	102	54	52	10	7	40	4	44	1	2	3	99	117	216	3	44

Semi-Annual Report.

Tallapudi District.

From January 1st to June 30th, 1889.

Staff.—Missionary 1, Evangelist 1, Teachers 9; total 11.

Introduction.—The half year under review has been an eventful one for our Mission. It has suffered two great losses. Brothers Dietrich and Grœnning are at rest. The call to them to "come up higher" came unexpectedly, and when our poor Mission could ill afford to lose them. A bright Spring was spreading over their spheres of labor—the desert was beginning to blossom—and lo, the icy hand of Winter touches them, and they fade away, and are no more! The two blows, hardly a month apart, came upon us in such rapid succession that they stunned us at first, and then almost caused despair to seize upon us. Up to this moment we cannot realize and believe that they are no more. We have lost not only two worthy co-workers, but two dear friends. There are a thousand spots and things around us associated in some way with them, and at every one of them memories rise up that cause our hearts to break with sorrow and pain. Our grief is enhanced when this feeling of loneliness in the cause (which we cannot shake off) strikes down into the heart.

In answer to Bro. Grœnning's call, I hastened to Rajahmundry as rapidly as I could (I was twenty-two miles away), to pay my last respects to dear Bro. Dietrich, but I was late by twenty-four hours, and in answer to Rev. Schmidt's letter communicating Bro. Grœnning's death, I reached Rajahmundry just as the Benediction was being pronounced at the funeral services in the church.

At Tallapudi we had a little sickness in our family, but thank the Lord it was nothing serious.

Pastoral Record.

Baptisms.—The Word found entrance into two new villages, and took root, resulting in some baptisms. A person baptized years ago by Rev. Poulsen, and who returned to heathenism, was re-admitted into the fold. It has been so many years since he ceased to walk in the light that he has forgotten the name given him in baptism. His wife and five children were baptized by me.

Confirmations.—I have been longing to have a class of Catechumens, there being material for a small class at Tallapudi and two other villages, but being constantly on the move, I have not been able to carry out my wish.

Marriages.—At Tallapudi I solemnized two marriages, at one of which Bro. Dietrich was present. It was his last visit to us, just a few days before his death, when he used the opportunity of saying a good word to the couple.

Communions.—Two communions were held in Tallapudi, Nundigudiem, Waddapilly, Nundamur, Gowripilli, Dommoor, Gopaulpore, Suppareddygudiem and Guddigudiem. At Peddehem, Metta and Kovur we celebrated one only. People of the former two places were very unhappy, being involved in strife, and the people at Kovur are receiving instruction in the fifth part of the Catechism. I examined and found they were not prepared yet to participate in the Sacrament. The teacher was the only one to whom I could have ministered the Sacrament, but he pleaded that he was not in a proper frame of mind. At Mulkapilli and Kurragapad the Sacrament was not administered at all. At the first communion there were no members present at Mulkapilli, and at the time when the second should have been held, the teacher and his family had run off to Rajahmundry, having left their work. In March I was near Kurragapad, having gone there to administer the Sacrament, when I was suddenly called away to Tallapudi, and on my second visit, in June, I found the Christians living in shame and immorality. Our last communion at Tallapudi was the largest one on record.

Admissions from other Congregations.—Tallapudi received two adults from the C. M. S. Church, of Dumagudiem, and one from Samulcotta. Other additions from one congregation to another in this district are noted in the Statistical Report.

Excommunications.—After giving many a warning from the Divine Word, and much good counsel, and much time for reform, we (the Church Council) excommunicated Thomas and family, of Metta, and I. Nathaniel, of Penkellametta. The former (Thomas) for living in polygamy, and the latter for continued indifference and unfaithfulness. (The minutes of the Church Council give details.)

Back-sliders.—At Peddehem three young men have become indifferent, but as their cases are receiving the attention of the Church Council, their names remain on the Congregational Register.

Deaths.—Cholera, which still prevails at this place (Tallapudi), carried off three members. Old Maria, a leper, who was anxiously looking for the Master's call, was the first to go at Tallapudi. Sadhu, a promising young man, whom I have been educating for the Mission for over two years, left us, though we prayed earnestly, and put forth every effort to bring about his recovery. Abraham, of Peddehem, left a widow and several little girls to mourn his loss. At the Boarding School, Rajahmundry, another of my boys died, of fever. Places were ready for these two boys, and I hoped, at the close of the year, to begin making use of them. To all the Lord's dealings and doings we say "Thy will, Thy will, not mine," and look to Him for help. The total loss through death was seven. Two were infants. Of the seven I buried two, Evangelist P. Peter two, Revs. Schmidt and Grœnning two, and one was cremated by heathen relatives, I being ignorant of the death when it happened.

Discord among Christians.—At Peddehem, Kovur and Nundigudiem the Christians were at variance with the teachers, due mainly to the indifference and unfaithfulness of the latter. Peddehem has for years been a hot-bed

for quarrels, and it is always a difficult business to bring parties of the place to terms. At Kovur the people complained that Ch. Anandum was neglecting them and devoting his time and attention to Mala inquirers and their children. It was finally settled that he should give equal attention to both parties, and should the Word not take root among the Malas within three months, he should discontinue all interest in and work among them. At Nundigudiem the teacher was found to be in the wrong, which he acknowledged, and peace resulted. Though the strife at Peddehem ends for the present, I am afraid it will break out again as heretofore. May the Lord rule otherwise!

Services.

I have tried my best to have regular services in every Christian village, and on the whole it will be seen from the list of services held, that success was met with. Sometimes through the carelessness or unfaithfulness of the teachers, some of the people have been obliged to go without them, but every delinquent has been reprimanded or punished, as the case required. The number of teachers in the district is below the number of villages in which services have to be held, but the best arrangements under the circumstances were made. Some of the teachers have had to conduct as many as four services a day at different points. Most of them (notably D. Brohmiah) have tried to do their duty faithfully in this respect. At Tallapudi services have been regularly held in the large shed erected for Conference, and the Sunday-school becomes more interesting as time rolls on. We have adopted the practice of teaching a Bible verse at the conclusion of the exercises in the following manner, the text is repeated by the teacher, and every one present is made to repeat it in single file after him. By the time the round is completed all know the text, and the teacher proceeds to make each one repeat it without his aid. Then follows a review of all old texts. Our earnest desire is to get our people familiar with the Scriptures, and we give our best attention to it. At the morning service the lessons for the Church-year were followed, and at the evening service we have been going through Genesis. The Sunday-schools continue about the same in all the out-villages. Whenever a copy of the "*Helper*" was obtained, we used its lessons in the Sunday-schools, and at other times portions of Scripture were selected by me.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting.

In fair weather only is this kept up, for when it rains there is no shelter for the worshipers, as the houses of the Christians, where the meetings are held, are barely sufficient to accommodate their own inmates.

Missionary Societies.

They are still alive, but have not been as active as last year. No regular meetings were held during the half year, and doubtless this accounts for the lack of interest. A meeting of the nature of an entertainment was held at Tallapudi, at which the teachers took part, and all enjoyed themselves. It was agreed that hereafter all "palarus" (farmers' hands) and their families,

and widows and their children, be excused from contributing to the funds of the societies. The former are an ill-paid class, and have barely sufficient to live on.

Mutual Aid Society.

It has been a custom among the Christians here, when their huts are destroyed by fire or otherwise, to apply to me for aid. After some thought, I concluded that the people should help themselves in some way, and organized the Aid Society. Its object is to help its members to erect, repair or rebuild their houses. Each member pays four annas to each call for aid. Fifteen members joined, and G. John, of Waddapilly, was paid Rs. 3, As. 4, to aid him in putting up his house.

St. Peter's Church.

The contractor has been pushing on the masonry, and all that remains to be done is one large arch and about three feet on the walls. The tiles and the iron trusses are expected in a short time from Madras. I am sorry to note our Committee has limited its grant to Rs. 400, on the plan suggested by the Missionary Council. I calculated on receiving Rs. 960, if the plan was sanctioned without any sum being fixed. By limiting the grant to Rs. 400, a chill is cast over the efforts of the Christians and the Mission Agents, and I shall have to bear the deficiency personally, or to collect it among friends here. As I have to get together a pretty round sum yet, it will hardly be possible for me to make up the deficiency. Before beginning the work I made a rough calculation of the probable amount I would obtain, and put down the figure already stated as the amount I might expect from the Committee. A promised donation of Rs. 200 was lost through the death of a dear friend. I pray our Committee to reconsider its action, and to amend it by removing the limit set, so that I may get Rs. 2 for every one contributed by native Christians. When the Missionary Council proposed the plan it was not said how far the grant ought to be extended, and relying on the generosity of our people, I fixed the sum stated. I believed the Church would get Rs. 2 for every one given by the Christians, and worked hard to get as many rupees as possible from them. I am confident my personal friends in America will not allow any extra burden to fall upon our Committee, and that they will not decrease their usual contributions to the Mission in case my prayer is heard. Some time ago I forwarded a copy of the plan of the church for the Committee's inspection, and hope at some future time to send a better plan. Statements of the funds received by me from friends and others here and in America, and of the expenditure, with a receipt from the contractor, accompany this.

Preaching.

I made a trip up the river to the Gorge (Bison Hill) in April last. Few stops were made on the way up the river, but on the return journey every village on the right bank of the river was visited, and the Gospel preached in them. Many of the villages are inhabited by Kois (Hill tribe), who hear

the Word gladly, but who give it no room in their hearts. All my teachers, except one, preached to the multitude assembled at the festival on the Island of Puttishima. The teachers in and near Tallapudi accompanied me to Dowlaishwaram at the time of the Car Feast, and we preached the Gospel to the many who had gathered there. According to the established custom, the teachers spent their Saturdays in the surrounding villages in telling the people about the Lord Jesus. The practice of preaching every Monday at Tallapudi was discontinued, and will be started again as soon as I procure some land on which to erect a shed. The market is in full swing in the hottest part of the day, and it is very hard to stand preaching exposed to the heat. I would very much like to have at least two women to go about teaching Hindu females. My wife is anxious to engage in such work, but having no helpers, she is obliged to wait. Our friends (ladies) in America would be rendering us and our work good service if they would support two Bible women. Twenty-five to thirty dollars would do the work. My wife would also like to have a small school for caste girls at Tallapudi, and wishes me to lay the matter before the Committee. I trust it will receive the kind attention of the Committee.

School Work.

During the half year I received two assistants, S. David and D. David. The former is on probation or "trial." I re-opened the Mulkapilli School in April, but before the end of June the teacher, I. Nathaniel, had run away without my knowledge. V. Mark, the permanent teacher of the place, is still ill, and lives at Tallapudi. For the last few days he has been trying to assist in the Tallapudi School, but owing to the unsettled state of his mind, he is not able to do continuous work. Since the beginning of June, on the repeated solicitations of the Christians, I re-opened the Guddigudiem School, with the clear understanding that the monthly average number of pupils should not be below ten. They keep up to their word remarkably well. The Peddehem Night School suffered through the misunderstanding existing between the teacher and the Christians. For some time the school has not been going on, and I have concluded to close both the schools there, unless the parents and others of the villages promise to secure better attendance. The parents are already exerting themselves in the matter. School work commenced at Metta during the half year, and although steady work was done, the examination result is poor. I started out in the beginning of June to examine my schools, and had finished the first school, when Bro. Dietrich's death took me to Rajahmundry, and my trip into the Samulcotta District threw me back in the work of examination, but I managed to get through them to my satisfaction before this report was prepared.

Conclusion.

Many friends have to be gratefully thanked for the help they are rendering us, especially in the building of our church. I conclude with prayers for the Lord's blessing on the workers at home and abroad.

Respectfully,

F. J. McCready.

Semi-Annual School Report of Tallapudi District.

June 30, 1889.

Number.	NAMES OF VILLAGES.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	Day School.						Night School.			Books Used.
			No. of Children.	Boys.		Girls.		No. of Classes.	Boys.		No. of Children.	
				Christian.	Heathen.	Christian.	Heathen.		Christian.	Heathen.		
1	Dommoor	K. Daniel	11	...	10	...	1	3	...	...	...	Genesis, John, Telugu Second Reader, Catechism, Telugu First Book, Dawson's Hymn Book, First and Second Book of Arithmetic, English First Reader, Geography of the Godavery District, Telugu Manuscript, Brobst's Questions.
2	Gopaulpore	J. Cornelius	9	...	6	...	3	3	...	...	...	
3	Guddigudiem	P. Devarakaidas	11	5	2	3	1	2	...	...	...	
4	Kovur	Ch Anandum	20	5	9	1	5	2	3	22	25	
5	Metta	D. Brahmiah	12	1	9	...	2	1	..	...	...	
6	Mulkapilli	I. Nathaniel	10	...	6	..	4	1	...	7	7	
7	Nundamur	D. David	4	1	1	2	..	2	...	...	...	
8	Nundigudiem	P. Samuel	5	2	...	3	...	2	..	...	...	
9	Peddehem	D. Bramiah	9	...	8	...	1	2	3	9	12	
10	Pushvadala	D. David	9	...	5	...	4	1	...	...	...	
11	Tallapudi	S. David	25	5	11	8	1	4	10	3	13	
		Total	125	19	67	17	22	24	16	41	57	

The figures given are not for the half-year, but for June and the last month in which certain schools were held. There are changes every month in the schools, and I am not able to see how one can put the figures of six months together to fit into this form. None of my reports hitherto have been for the half-year, but for the last month of the half-year.

Tallapudi District.

January to June, 1889. Services.

VILLAGES:	No. of Sundays on which Morning Service was held.	Average Attendance at Morning Service.	No. of Sundays on which Evening Service was held.	Average Attendance at Evening Service.	No. of Sundays on which Sunday-school was held.	Average Attendance at Sunday-school.	Com. Services.	
							Communicants at the First Communion.	Communicants at the Second Communion.
Dommoor	13	2	12	2	22	8	2	2
Gopaulpore	20	2	15	2	21	5	2	2
Gowripilli	19	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
Guddigudiem	20	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
Kovur	3	5	20	13	4	4	2	.....
Kurrajapad	15	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Metta	19	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Mulkapilli	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nundamur	1	.....	20	9	.....	.....	6	7
Nundigudiem	18	11	24	13	19	6	9	7
Peddehem	2	13	20	7	18	5	.....	7
Suppareddygudiem	16	3	16	3	.....	.....	2	2
Tallapudi	26	30	22	15	25	27	21	37
Waddapilly	17	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2

Tallapudi District.

January to June, 1889.—Classification, Etc. of Pupils.

PLACE.	Total No. of Admissions since January, 1885.	Average Number on the Rolls during the half year.	Average daily attendance during the half year	JANUARY.					FEBRUARY.					MARCH.					APRIL.					MAY.					JUNE.				
				Christians.	Mohammedans	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.	Christians.	Mohammedans.	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.	Christians.	Mohammedans.	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.	Christians.	Mohammedans.	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.	Christians.	Mohammedans.	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.	Christians.	Mohammedans.	Sudras.	Malas.	Chucklers.
Dommoor	23	12	10	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	...	1	10	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	1	10
Gopaulpore	25	10	8	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	12	...	...	..	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	9
Guddigudiem	17	8	6	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	3
Kovur, Day	42	12	9	7	...	...	..	6	7	...	...	5	...	7	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	16	2	6	...	...	13	1
Kovur, Night	30	23	13	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	13	2	...	5	...	...	15	2	...	...	..	...	...	3	...	...	19	3	3	...	...	19	3
Metta	18	13	9	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	11	1	...	...	...	12	1	...	...	...	15	1	...	...	...	11
Mulkapilli, Day	27	9	8	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	..	...	...	...
Mulkapilli, Night	11	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nundamur	11	4	4	2	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	3	...	..	...	1	3	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	1
Nundigudiem	12	5	4	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	....	....	5	...	...	...	...
Peddehem, Day	38	14	6	3	...	...	1	9	2	...	1	17	...	...	...	...	1	15	...	...	...	1	13	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	1	8
Peddehem, Night	48	13	4	3	1	4	4	1	3	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Pushvadola	16	11	8	...	...	...	2	9	...	...	3	10	...	...	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	1	11	...	...	...	1	9	..	...	...	1	8
Tallapudi, Day	69	23	13	14	3	2	1	4	8	7	1	4	3	7	7	2	2	3	9	3	4	2	4	10	3	...	2	7	13	3	...	2	7
Tallapudi, Night	52	13	5	9	...	...	2	2	9	...	2	2	...	11	...	...	2	2	11	...	...	2	...	11	...	...	2	...	10	....	....	2	1
Total	439	177	112	43	4	6	16	55	46	7	24	69	6	43	7	2	22	68	29	3	4	26	60	40	3	...	59	68	49	3	....	39	62

Minutes of the Church Council.

Tallapudi District.

Tallapudi, February 27th, 1889.

The meeting took place in the prayer shed at 6 P. M., and was opened by the singing of a hymn and the President's prayer. The minutes of the meeting held in December last were lost by the Secretary, and hence November's minutes were read. The roll was called, and seven members answered to their names. The following new members were received: S. David, D. David and I. Nathaniel. D. David wanted to know if he would be at liberty to attend all the meetings, and K. Daniel remarked that if he would the school would suffer. It was further stated that it would be very well if all would attend, but that six members formed a quorum, and could transact any business. The President informed D. David that he would pass certain rules afterwards in regard to his case, he being a Mission employee. Y. Joseph was elected a consulting member, and had the right given him of discussion only.

P. Peter was elected the Secretary for this year, and the practice of electing a Secretary at every meeting was abolished.

Resolved, That the Secretary provide every member with a copy of the minutes.

Read petition to the Head Assistant Collector for a grant of land for a cemetery at Kovur and at Waddapilly. It was accepted, and all signed it.

The Treasurer's Report was read, which showed a balance at credit of 12 annas and 6 pies.

Resolved, That 8 annas be spent for a court fee stamp for the application for cemetery land at Kovur and Waddapilly.

Resolved, That all members pay their dues for the year in advance, and that this resolution be again discussed at the next meeting, so that all may know about it.

Closed with President's prayer.

F. J. McCready, *Ch.*
P. Peter, *Sec.*

Peddehem.

March 4th, 6 P. M.

The Council met in the school house. A hymn was sung, and the President offered prayer. The roll was called, and six members were found present. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The petition of P. Nathaniel, of Penkellametta was read, and after some discussion, it was

Resolved, That he be given a month's trial, and that during this time he should, with his family, attend all services, and live up to his profession, and that, at

the end of that period, he should petition the Council again, stating that he had fulfilled all conditions, and then his case would be favorably considered.

P. Peter proposed, and M. Samson seconded, that as Thomas, of Metta, had given a decided answer that he would not give up either of his wives, he and his family be excommunicated. Carried.

Resolved, That the zemindar (landlord) of Peddehem be petitioned for a cemetery lot at Peddehem.

The initiatory steps for the formation of a Mutual Aid Society for the Christians of this Talug were taken. Its object is to help members to repair, build or rebuild their houses.

Resolved, That this matter be laid before the Guddigudiem meeting, so as to publish it.

Closed with the President's prayer.

F. J. McCready, *Ch.*
P. Peter, *Sec.*

Guddigudiem.

March 26th, 3 P. M.

The meeting took place in the President's tent. Prayer by the President. Roll called. Six members present. The Secretary was absent at Madras, and J. Cornelius read the minutes. The President took notes of the proceedings, as none of the members could write intelligibly.

Resolved, That hereafter members who, from any cause, are unable to attend, should notify the President five or six days before the meeting.

Proposed by J. Cornelius, and seconded by Y. David, that the resolution to pay dues in advance be given emphasis by this meeting. Carried.

The Treasurer's Report showed a credit balance of R. 1, A. 1, Ps. 6, which report was accepted.

The following members signed or attached their marks (in the case of those not able to write) to the Constitution of the Council: J. Cornelius, P. Samuel, I. Nathaniel and Y. David.

Resolved, That Councilor J. Chelliah cut off all part in his brother's second marriage affair—his wife being alive—and he and his fellow councilors should help his brother to get his wife to join him.

Resolved, That the President should write K. Luke and family a letter that unless they would desist from carrying out their purpose of getting their daughter and sister, Satiawati, married to a Hindu while her husband was living, they would be excommunicated.

The Mutual Aid Society business was taken up, and six persons gave in their names as members.

Resolved, That P. Samuel be its Treasurer for this part of the field.

Y. David wishes to build a house for his son, Moses; J. Chelliah, to repair his house; J. Cornelius, to repair his brother's house; M. Nathaniel, to repair his house; P. Samuel, to erect a cattle shed; Rev. F. J. McCready, to build a school house. (Every member has to state for what purpose he intends applying for aid).

G. John, of Waddapilly, had applied for aid.
Resolved. That aid be afforded him.
Closed with President's prayer.

F. J. McCready, *Ch.*
P. Peter, *Sec.*

Tallapudi.

June 26th, 5 P. M.

The President being unwell, the meeting was not held at Peddehem. Seven members were present. D. Bromiah offered prayer. P. Peter read minutes of last three meetings. Treasurer's Report showed a credit balance of 5 annas and 3 pies, after 1 rupee and 11 annas were deposited in the P. O. Bank. The President addressed the meeting, and said that the Council ought to exert itself to secure lots for cemeteries in all Christian villages, for in the Samulcotta District the Christians were obliged to cremate for the want of burial grounds, and that if we do not bestir ourselves, the same may be resorted to in some of our villages.

Resolved, That G. John, of Waddapilly, ascertain in what part of the village there is vacant land, so that information may be given the Collector who called for it.

Resolved, That Ch. Anandum co-operate with G. John in obtaining the above information.

Resolved, That the Collector be sent a reminder about the Nundamur Cemetery.

Resolved, That the Dommoor school house be built on any site we please (either on the one bought of E. Ramiah, or one exchanged for it) after our dispute with M. Timanah is settled.

Resolved, That we sell the site to be granted to us by Government for school purposes at Dommoor for Rs. 15, and thus save the Mission the Rs. 15 spent for E. Ramiah's land.

Resolved, That we make the doors, etc., for the school house at Dommoor, and after deducting their cost, give the balance of the Mission grant (Rs. 30) to G. Kondiah, to build the house. All help by the inquirers, the teacher and his friends (promised) and others be given to Kondiah, and it was agreed that the Dommoor inquirers be asked to aid in this work, as the Mission grant will not be sufficient.

F. J. McCready, *Ch.*
P. Peter, *Sec.*

The Mission Schools at Rajahmundry.

From July 1st to December 31st, 1888.

The Rev. Wm. Grœnning, Missionary in Charge.

There was no important change in the schools during the year 1888. I have already reported that the class No. 5, which we had proposed for the said year, has not been formed. There were only two scholars prepared for such class, of whom one was to marry, and it seemed not to be advisable to form a class with only one pupil, especially because we could not obtain a competent teacher. So we have been getting along with four classes; yet the fifth class will be necessary to complete our arrangement.

During the last half year the number of scholars was as follows: Alphabet Class, 30; Class 1, 13; Class 2, 26; Class 3, 15; Class 4, 8, making a total of 92. Upon the whole the number has been well kept up. Several scholars have left, and among them a promising youth of the highest class. His friends persuaded him that the time had now come for him to begin to work. So they sent him to Rangoon, but he soon longed to return; and we have lately had a letter from him, begging to be admitted to the school again.

There was much sickness among them at the beginning of the session. Some were affected with dysentery, but most of them with fever. This was probably owing to the unwholesome food which they prepared for themselves. Formerly the food was prepared by several women, and afterwards by a man and his wife, who also ate at the boarding house, and were paid one rupee per month besides. However, there was frequent wrangling between these people and the children on account of the miserable way in which the food was served. Then we could do nothing but require the children to prepare the food for themselves, by which operation they might also learn the art of cooking. This was done for months, but the result was, that many of them fell sick. At last they all came and begged for a cook. I then engaged the same man we had had before, and, at the same time, moved the cooking establishment from the boarding-house to an apartment adjoining my own kitchen, where the work was done under my own constant supervision. Ever since we have not only had no complaints, but the health of the children has been greatly improved.

At the end of the session twelve pupils were released from further attendance. According to our Rules, they ought to have remained several years longer, because all who are to become teachers themselves, are required to take the full course of all the six classes. But, in the first place, these twelve were all full grown; they had been in school a long time, and there was no likelihood of their being much benefited by any longer continuance. In the next place, the demand for teachers in the villages is so urgent, that the Missionary Council was constrained to make an exception in the present

case. So, at the end of the session, these twelve pupils were carefully examined in Bible History and in reading. They also took the class of beginners in arithmetic, and gave a practical illustration of how they would teach arithmetic themselves. The most satisfactory examination was that of R. Charley; somewhat lower stood R. Thomas, P. Nagana, A. Daniel, P. Meshek, A. Benjamin, K. Johanu, D. Mamayah; and lower yet, G. Isak, B. Benjamin, N. Benjamin and T. Joseph. Our hearty prayer is, that these twelve, who have now left the school, may work in the villages in the name of the Lord, with the Divine blessing and with good results.

Besides this very general examination, there was a very thorough written examination of all the classes, including also these twelve, in all the branches that had been taught. The answers have all been collected, and I expect, in due time, to be able to submit portions of them to the Committee, so that they may have a correct idea of what is done in our school. I hope also to send them copies of our several school books. I have recently received a letter from the English Secretary of the Committee, Rev. Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer, dated November 22d, 1888, authorizing me to purchase whatever books may be necessary, both for pupils and teachers. For this favor we all are very thankful, and we shall proceed to furnish the books as soon as possible.

A serious question now arises as to how we are to secure a teacher for Class 5, yet to be formed. Our teacher, V. Jacob, F. A., has left us, to pursue his studies in college. We hope and pray that the Lord Himself will raise up the right man for us. The late Rev. Dr. Schmucker, in a letter dated June the 22d, stated that the Rev. Dr. G. F. Krotel had contributed $120 for the support of better teachers; that the Sunday-School of Trinity Lutheran Church, New York, would also contribute $120 for the same object; and that other Sunday-schools, though perhaps not giving that amount, might yet add their contributions. This information gave us great joy, and encouraged us to hope that we should soon be supplied with a better class of teachers.

In the Class No. 5, which we expect to organize in 1889, we propose to teach such subjects as Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, Church History and Christian Doctrine. According to the plan which has been approved by the Committee, special attention is to be given to theological studies by those who form the Class No. 5, and also Class No. 6, yet to be organized.

We are happy to be able to say that we already have, in Telugu, the books that we need for the study of Isagogic and of Church History, but for the branch of Christian Doctrine, we are not so well supplied. Meanwhile, I propose to use a book prepared by Prof. Dr. Beck, of Tuebingen, which presents the general principles, and may open the way for a more thorough text-book, which we may hope will be found in due time. It is expected that the duties of this department will fall to my care.

The additional building is almost finished. When the whole work is done I shall give the Committee a complete plan of our school building. The cost of the improvements has been met by money which my father has

contributed to our Mission work. As to the internal arrangements, desks, benches, tables, charts, etc., these have been provided, and will yet be more plentifully supplied.

Mr. Grigg, M. A., Director of Public Schools, from Madras, honored our school with a visit, and expressed his satisfaction with all our arrangements. He even said that he would be pleased if our school would obtain a Government grant. We might make a move in that direction, and after some years, might succeed. But God Himself can support us without a Government grant, if our trust is in His grace alone. To Him then we commend our schools for the coming year.

W. Grœnning, *Supt. of Schools.*

Report of the Caste-Girls' School, Rajahmundry.

To the President of the Annual Conference.

Tallapudi.

Sir:—I humbly beg to submit the report of the Mission Caste-Girls' School ending December 31st, 1888.

I am thankful to say that the school has been safely led on through another year under the protecting care of God, to whom alone be ascribed all glory and honor forever.

The school commenced on January 9th, 1888.

The number of girls on the roll was 40. Since that time 37 girls have been admitted, and 22 girls left on account of their age and marriage connections with other villages; thus the present number is 55 girls.

There are only 3 classes, with 2 divisions in the first class.

The children have learned the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, Scripture texts and lessons, and 28 hymns.

I occasionally visit the parents of the girls to encourage them to send their children to school, and to tell them of how much good they derive by learning about Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world.

As I am hindered from attending the Annual Conference on account of some family affairs, and to present the report myself before the meeting, I beg to be very kindly excused from the same.

I beg to remain your most obedient servant,

P. Venkata Ratnam.

Mission Schools in India.

TEACHERS SUPPORTED BY SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
James	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S., Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Gonegudiem	Trinity S. S., Reading, Pa.
J. John Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German,) Philadelphia.
J. Dan. Henry	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis S. S., Philadelphia.
An. Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J. McCready, Mis. Soc., Lehighton, Pa.
P. Peter, (Evangelist.)	Tallapudi	F. Burtram, Illinois.
A Teacher	Tallapudi District	Rev. A. Norrborn, Knoxville, Ill.
D. Broomiah	Tallapudi District	1st Lutheran Ch. S. S., Columbus, O.
Ch. Anandum	Kovur	Miss Brant.
A Teacher		Trinity Ch. S. S., New York.
R. Paradasi		Miss. Society, Mulberry, Ind.,

LIST OF SCHOLARS—JULY 1, 1888, TO JUNE 30, 1889.

BOARDING SCHOLARS. A.—BOYS.

No.	NAME.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1	C. Joseph	IV.	19	Ladies' Sewing Society, St. Peter's, N. Y.
2	P. R. Mark	"	16	J. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's, Rochester, N.Y.
3	C. Benjamin	"	16	Trinity Sunday-school, Lancaster, Pa.
4	M. Devadasu	"	15	Holy Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
5	M. Daniel	"	15	St. Michael's S. S., Germantown, Pa.
6	A. Jacob	"	15	Transfiguration S. S., Pottstown, Pa.
7	E. James	"	22	St. Mark's S. S, N. Y.
8	P. Meshek	III.	22	St. Luke's S. S., Philadelphia.
9	R. Samuel	"	15	Zion's Ger. Luth. S. S., Easton, Pa.
10	T. Solomon	"	15	Miss. Soc., St. Peter's S. S., S. Bethlehem.
11	K. Theophilus	"	14	Pastor Schetelig, S. S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
12	T. Matthew	"	15	" " Y. M. Soc., Hamm, "
13	A. Benjamin	"	18	Mission Band, Zion's Ch., Greensburg, Pa.
14	P. Nathaniel	"	15	Friedens Church S. S., Myerstown, Pa.
15	M. Alexander	"	15	Zion's S. S., Wilmington, Del.
16	A. Daniel	"	23	Bethlehem S. S., Washington Co., Pa.
17	K. Nagana	"	22	Grace S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
18	R. Thomas	"	16	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
19	A. Boschanam	II.	14	Miss Magdalena C. Merkle, Tidioute, Pa.
20	S. Lazarus	"	15	Turbotville Charge, Pa.
21	N. Benjamin	"	18	Miss Soc., Solomon's Church, Macungie, Pa.
22	P. Stephen	"	18	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
23	K. Gabriel	"	11	St. Mark's S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
24	M. Abraham	"	15	Father Heyer Miss. Soc., Theo. Sem., Phila.
25	Charles Henry	"	16	Charles Henry Heinitsch Scholarship.
26	D. Mamayah	"	20	Rehoboth & Crow's Run S. S., Beaver Co., Pa.
27	B. Benjamin	"	18	Telugu Class, St Mark's, Philada.
28	T. Joseph	"	20	Salem S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
29	K. Johanu.	"	20	Rev. J. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.
30	S. Prakasham	"	14	Mrs. Kinzelman, Middle Village, L. I.
31	R. Yesudasu	"	15	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
32	T. Jacob	"	14	Eng. Luth S. S., Williamsport, Pa.
33	J. Cornelius	"	14	Ungdoms Ver. Aug. Swed. Ch., Minneapolis.
34	Y. Benjamin	"	11	Zelienople S. S., Pa.
35	G. Lazar	"	15	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
36	P. David	"	15	S. S. 1st English Luth. Ch., Pittsburgh, Pa.
37	A. Devadasu	"	12	St. Stephen's, Phila., Artman Scholarship.
38	G. Isak	"	20	E. R. Lichtenwalner, Miss. Soc., Macungie, Pa.
39	P. Gabriel	"	13	Pastor Schetelig, S. S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
40	V. Joseph	"	11	Miss Nora C. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
41	B. Narayanaswami	I.	10	Pastor Schetelig, Y. M. Soc., Hamm, Hamburg.
42	R. Paradasi			Miss. League, Mulberry, Ind.
43	A Boy			St. John's S. S., Easton, Pa.
44	" "			Luth. Memorial S. S., Erie, Pa.
45	" "			Edwin Lukens.
46	" "			Mrs. S. & L. Berst, Erie, Pa.
47	Bromiah			1st Luth. Church Miss. Soc., Columbus, O.
48	Bromiah			Rev. J. Shunk and wife, Sherardville, Ohio.
49	P. Dorododaska			Y. L. Class, Ev. Luth. Ch. S. S., Sagerstown, Pa.
50	A Boy			S. S., Friedens, Pa.
51	" "			Rev. A. P. Pflueger, Turbotville, Pa.
52	" "			The Churches and Sunday Schools at Meadville and Franklin, Pa.

B.—Girls.

No.	NAMES.	CLASS.	AGE.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.
1	H. Ruth	II.	13	Infant sch'l, St. Michael's, Germantown, Pa.
2	A. Naomi	"	12	Jumonville Soldiers' Orphans' School, Pa.
3	B. Helena	"	11	Pastor Schetelig, S.S., Hamm, Hamburg, Ger.
4	G. Elizabeth	I.	11	Mrs. Birnbaum, Philadelphia.
5	A. Shantammah	"	8	Mrs. Hoats, Allentown, Pa.
6	G. Martha	"	9	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.
7	A. Rahelu	"	10	Gertie and Katie Bender, Jonestown, Pa.
8	S. Martha	"	12	Helpers, Grace Church, Lancaster, Pa.
9	AnneMaurer(H. Ratnammah)	Alphab.	8	Miss Clara Graeff, Germantown, Pa.
10	K. Emilia	"	9	Busy Bees, St. Peter's, Philadelphia.
11	C. Sattyavatti	"	8	Sunday-school, Zion's, Easton, Pa.
12	Y. Sattyavatti	"	7	Miss Klingler, St. Peter's, New York.
13	A Girl	.....	.....	1st E. L. Ch. S. S, Pittsburgh, Pa.
14	" "	.....	.....	Miss. Soc. St. Peter's S. S., S. Bethlehem, Pa.
15	P. Kauthamma	.....	.....	Miss Eva Meyer's, S. S. Class, Rochester, N.Y.
16	A Girl	.....	.....	Children's Miss. Soc., St. John's, Allent'n, Pa.
17	" "	.....	.....	Trinity Church, Middle Village, L. I.
18	" "	.....	.....	St. Peter's, S. Bethlehem.
19	Torsa Rebekkaming	.....	.....	Salem (Swedish) Ch. S. S., Dalbo, Minn.

Mr. Grœnning's report of the condition of the schools in Rajahmundry shows the following facts:

Class IV	contained	8 scholars.
" III	"	14 "
" II	"	27 "
" I	"	12 "
The Alphabet Class	"	30 "
Total,		91

At the examination, in December, 1888, thirty-one passed a satisfactory examination, which, Mr. Grœnning says, in his report, is "a good number, considering the low abilities of the children."

The books used in the Boarding School treat of the following subjects: Religion, Telugu, English, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, Geometry, Indian History, Hygiene and Physics. This latter branch will be taught to Class V only, which, however, has not yet been formed. The books used in teaching "Religion" are, The New Testament, Luther's Catechism, and Line upon Line.

A number of the more advanced and older scholars were sent out early in January, 1889, as teachers, and therefore, though their names may appear in the list above given, they are not now scholars in the Boarding School, but teachers in some of the outlying villages.

If a mistake has been made in the name of a scholar, or of the person or persons supporting a scholar or teacher, the Committee would be glad to be informed, that the list may be made as correct as possible.

We would state here that the cost of the support of a girl in the Boarding School is $20 to $25, that of a boy, $30 to $35. The support of a teacher ranges from $35 to $75; that of a Catechist is about $90. To secure a teacher for Class V, which Mr. Grœnning expected to form as soon as cir-

cumstances would allow, it will be necessary to pay a very much higher salary than is now given to any one employed in the School.

The. Missionaries find it much more difficult to secure girls than boys for the school, a fact which those contemplating undertaking the support of a child would do well to bear in mind.

The Caste Girls' School has been kept up through the generous assistance of the Women's Missionary Society of St. John's Church, Philadelphia, and the Women's Missionary Society of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, each of which contributes ninety dollars a year to defray the expenses of this particular school.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Account of the Rev. H. C. Schmidt, Treasurer in India.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, JULY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1888.

DR.

	R.	A.	P.
To Drafts from America	6,780	13	3

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	R.	A.	P.	R.	A.	P.		
By Deficit	1,361	3	6					
" Interest to Bankers	62	14	3					
" Payments to Missionaries and Districts	5,654	0	6	7,078	2	3		
Deficit				297	5	0	$101	09

EXPENSES OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICTS AND BOARDING SCHOOLS.

The Rajahmundry and Velpur District.

July 1 to December 31, 1888.

	R.	A.	P.	
Salaries of Mission Agents	1,331	5	4	
Traveling Expenses of Missionary	106	0	0	
" " " Mission Agents	73	0	0	
New Buildings and Land	25	0	0	
Repairs	90	10	0	
Schools (Velpur and Korukonda)	109	15	0	
Publications and Printing	3	6	0	
Miscellaneous	26	14	0	
Mission Boat	54	15	3	
Deficit (June 30, 1888)	402	14	9	
Total	2,244	0	4	$756 17

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL, RAJAHMUNDRY.

July 1 to December 31, 1888.

	R.	A.	P.	
Salaries of Teachers	452	12	0	
New Buildings, &c	377	2	1	
Repairs to Compound	76	5	3	
Boarding School	750	9	10	
Publications and Printing	4	7	0	
Miscellaneous	2	0	0	
Total	1,663	4	2	$565 51

Financial Report of the Tallapudi District.

July 1st, 1888—June 30th, 1889.

	R.	A.	P.	
Salaries and Traveling expenses of Mission Agents	617	9	4	
Traveling Expenses of Missionary	177	0	0	
New Buildings and Land	543	9	8	
Repairs	26	15	0	
Taxes	1	5	5	
Schools	23	15	9	
Stationery and Postage	7	3	5	
Miscellaneous	11	0	1	
Due the Rev. F. J. McCready and by Error	146	1	2	
Total	1,554	11	10	—$528 61

Financial Report of the Samulcotta District.

July 1st—December 31st, 1888.

	R.	A.	P.	
Salaries and Traveling Expenses	349	9	0	
Land	14	8	0	
Repairs, Material etc	48	15	4	
School Books	0	3	0	
Boarding Department	102	12	3	
Miscellaneous	11	0	0	
Total	526	15	7	—$179 17

The Dowlaishwaram and Jagurupad Districts.

July 1—Dec. 31, 1888.

	A.	R.	P.	
House at Dowlaishwaram	393	2	9	
Salaries and Traveling Expenses of Mission Agents	127	7	0	
Land, Building, Repairs and Material	56	2	4	
Schools	10	6	0	
Interest	47	11	6	
J. William Garu's House	677	11	10	
Dowlaishwaram Bill	289	12	0	
Jagurupad Bill	554	7	0	
Miscellaneous	8	9	6	
Total	2,165	5	11	—$736 23

ESTIMATE FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Salaries of Missionaries (now or soon to be in the field)	$2,800 00
Traveling Expenses and outfit of new Missionary	1,000 00
Loan, unpaid accounts, repairs, etc	2,000 00
General Expenses	5,200 00
New buildings (church, houses, etc.)	1,000 00
An additional Missionary, (salary and traveling expenses.)	1,000 00
Total	$13,000 00

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION

OF THE

GENERAL COUNCIL

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN NORTH AMERICA,

HELD IN

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Buffalo, N. Y.

October 15th to October 20th, 1891.

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MINUTES.

The Twenty-Third Convention of the General Council of he Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, was held n the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, in Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. F. A. Kahler, pastor, and was opened vith the full service, including the Holy Communion, on Thursday, October 15th, at 10 o'clock A. M., by the President, Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., L.L.D., assisted by Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D. Rev. Dr. Seiss preached the opening sermon rom Math. v: 13.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, October 15, 2:30 P. M.

The Council assembled at the appointed time, and was pened by the President, by the use of the form for opening ynods contained in the Church Book. The English Record- ng Secretary, Rev. G. W. Mechling, called the roll of Synods, nd the deligates presented their credentials as follows:

ROLL OF THE COUNCIL.

—THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND ADJACENT STATES.

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" W. Passavant, Jr.	

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" G. Rast,	
" S. G. Larson,	
" J. Telleen,	
" G. H. Trabert.	

VI.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF CANADA.

v. F. Veit,*	
" B. Mueller,	
" F. Badke.	

VII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF TEXAS.

v. A. Follenberg.	

VIII.—EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF INDIANA.

v. M. C. Waters.	Mr. L. E. Bartholomew.

*Ex-officio.

Synods With Privilege of Debate.

IX.—ENGLISH EVANGELICAN LUTHERAN SYNOD OF THE NORTHWEST.

Rev. G. H. Gerberding.

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Rev. Geo. Genzmer, Williamsburg, Ontario.
Rev. H. C. Kahler, Buffalo, N. Y.
Rev. J. Rechtsterner, Port Jervis, N. Y.
Rev. Theo. Schmauk, Lebanon, Pa.
Rev. M. Stolpe, New York, N. Y.

The President offered a report of official acts as follow

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dear Brethren:

Before retiring from this position, it becomes my du to give you an account of such things as have claimed m official attention, as your presiding officer, since our la meeting:

1. At that meeting invitations for the next Conventi were tendered from San Francisco, Cal., and from Butle Pa. But the General Council resolved that the next Conve tion should not be held until 1891, and that the selection the time and place be left to the President, the three Recor ing Secretaries and the Treasurer.

After our adjournment I wrote to the pastors, who congregations had sent the invitations, to return thanks f the same, and to inform them that they would be consider when the time came for the selection of the place. In Marc 1891, invitations were also sent from our congregations Miamisburg, Ohio, Warren, Pa., and the congregation

which we are now assembled, and after due consideration your officers came to the conclusion that it would be most convenient for the majority of the General Council to accept the invitation extended by the English Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

2. At your last Convention you resolved that "The President, with the Vice-Presidents of the General Council, be instructed to issue a pastoral letter, to be read from the pulpit of all our churches, appealing to the Christian parents in the congregations to consecrate their sons to the holy office of the Gospel ministry." January 27th, 1890, I completed the draft of such a pastoral letter, and requested Vice-President Steinhaeuser to translate it into German, and Vice-President Lindahl into Swedish. It was then sent to the other Vice-Presidents, and having been approved by all of them, was printed and mailed to all the pastors of the General Council by our Recording Secretaries.

3. May 2d, 1890, the Rev. Samuel Laird, D.D., informed me that Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel, of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., had bequeathed her property to the Trustees of the General Council, the same to be safely invested and the interest to be devoted to the Foreign Mission work of this body. The Trustees in their report will give you the particulars.

4. June 28th, 1890, I received a communication addressed to this body, from a committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South), in which that body asks the General Council to co-operate in an effort to petition the governments of the world to resort to arbitration and put an end to war. I replied that I would lay the communication before this convention, which I herewith do.

5. August 6th Mr. William H. Staake, the Treasurer of the General Council, placed in my hands his bond for $5,000, for the faithful discharge of his duties. This was in accordance with his own proposition; accepted by the Trustees of the General Council.

6. October 13th, in accordance with a suggestion that came to me, I appointed Mr. G. N. Mohr, of St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Publication, created by the removal of John C. File. The

gentleman named accepted the appointment and has rendered useful service.

7. November 3d, 1890, I received from the Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, President of the Augustana Synod, a resolution in which his Synod authorized him to address the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council in regard to certain features of their work in English missions and congregations. To this was added an earnest expression of his own views in regard to this matter. I replied that, although his Synod had instructed him to address the English Home Mission Committee, he probably thought it the proper way to send this communication through the President of the General Council; and that, regarding his communication in this light, I would forward it to the Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., the Chairman of that Committee.

December 20th I received from Dr. Seiss the formal reply, adopted by the English Home Mission Committee, with the request that I would forward it to President Lindahl, which I did.

8. On September 26th, 1891, the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, Secretary of the Committee of Publication, sent me one of the first bound copies of the completed Church Book, concerning which the Publication Committee will give you further particulars.

And now may the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets, guide us into all truth, and take of the things of Christ and shew them unto us, that our coming together may be for the better, and not for the worse.

G. F. KROTEL.

New York, October 10th, 1891.

The President appointed tellers to conduct the election of officers, as follows: Revs. J. H. Gomph, G. H. Trabert and E. E. Sibole and Messrs. C. R. Lantz, Esq., G. B. Overmeier and F. Fischer.

The minutes of the last Convention were referred to a Committee; and the minutes of the District Synods were called for.

The English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the Northwest presented an application for admission to this Council.

The hours for meeting were fixed at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M., and of adjournment at 12 M. and 5:30 P. M.

Friday evening was appointed as the time for hearing and considering the report of the committee on Foreign Missions; and Saturday evening was set apart for the consideration of the Educational Work within the General Council.

The report of the committee on German Home Missions was made the order for Friday afternoon; and the report of the Church Book committee for Friday morning; and it was resolved that the theses recommended for discussion by the last Convention shall succeed the consideration of the Church Book committee's report. It was agreed that there shall be no session of the Council on Saturday afternoon.

Rev. G. A. Bierdemann was appointed to report the proceedings of this Convention to the United Press.

A resolution requesting the publication of the Constitution and By-Laws was referred to the standing committee on the same subject.

The tellers reported the result of the election of officers as follows:

Rev. G. F. Krotel, D.D., L.L.D.—*President.*

Rev. G. W. Mechling—*English Recording Secretary.*

Rev. John Nicum—*German Recording Secretary.*

Rev. C. J. Petri—*Swedish Recording Secretary.*

Rev. Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.—*English Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. Ph. Pfatteicher—*German Corresponding Secretary.*

Rev. E. Norelius—*Swedish Corresponing Secretary.*

W. H. Staake, Esq.—*Treasurer.*

The application of the North-Western Synod was referred to the following committee: Revs. T. L. Seip, D.D., A. Richter, P. J. Swærd, J. Q. Waters and A. Follenberg.

The President appointed committees as follows:

On the Minutes of District Synods: Revs. G. F. Spieker, D.D., J. S. Steinhæuser, E. Belfour, D.D., J. F. Beates, S.

P. A. Lindahl, B. Mueller, A. Follenberg and Messrs. W. Hauff, G. T. Wachmeyer, J. B. Kaercher, A. H. Ridenour, J. S. Carlson and J. R. Wagner.

Committee on Minutes of last Convention: Revs. J. C. J. Peterson, J. W. Meyers and B. W. Schmauk.

The committee on Church Extension offered their report, which was received, and after the adoption of the first two items thereof, the Council adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 16, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by the President. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved. It was resolved that the meeting on Saturday evening, for the consideration of educational work, shall be conducted in the form a general discussion, after the several institutions shall have been heard from through their representatives; the principal speeches to be limited to ten minutes, and all others to five minutes.

The committee on the application of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North-West offered a report, which was received; but final action upon the same was postponed, for the present, until the President of the Augustana Synod shall have had an opportunity to be heard in regard to it.

The Church Book committee offered the following report which was received, considered by items and finally adopted:

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Church Book committee hereby presents the report of its work since the last meeting of the General Council.

With all the promptness possible amidst the numerous other duties of its members, the Orders for Ministerial Acts were completed, and after being printed in provisional form, were carefully revised and approved for publication.

It was deemed best to continue and complete the entire work for the full Church Book, for which there were constant calls and inquiries, rather than to multiply piece-meal issues, that the whole might be issued at once complete, which has now been done.

In preparing the English Church Book for the press, various additions, not comprised in "the Common Service," were found necessary. The number of Psalms has been largely increased, and additional Canticles, Antiphons and Responsories, for which the former English Secretary of the committee, Rev. Dr. B. M. Schmucker, had begun to make provision, have been inserted. To meet the requests of many pastors, it was also deemed desirable to append to the English Church Book a limited number of "Additional Hymns," which the committee esteem fully equal in quality to those previously in the book.

A sub-committee (Drs. Seiss, Spaeth and Jacobs) has been co-operating with the committees of the United Synod of the South, the General Synod and Joint Synod of Ohio, in the preparation of a new English translation of the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. Meetings of those engaged in this work were held in Philadelphia during the months of November, 1890, and January, 1891. Much labor was also done between the meetings by the members of our sub-committee in preparing the material for the general committee. As the result, we were able to include in the Church Book a new translation of the Augsburg Confession, made from the Latin *Editio Princeps*. If the work of this committee is to be completed, a new translation from the German *Editio Princeps* should also be furnished. A translation has been made of the Small Catechism; but before being finally approved it requires the revision of the joint committee of the various bodies represented. Another meeting will be necessary before this work is ready. The same version of the Catechism that appears in the Council's books hitherto, has, therefore, been continued in the new Church Book.

The plates for the new English Book were prepared under the supervision of this committee, and the proofs read by its editorial sub-committee, Drs. Seiss, Laird and Jacobs, and Rev. F. F. Buermyer. The electrotype plates of the

book, complete and entire, were transferred to the committee on publication about the close of May last, a copyright for the book having been taken out in the name of the Trustees of the General Council.

The committee recommends:

1. That the Council authorize the printing of an English Book in pamphlet form and thin covers, containing the necessary material for Matins and Vespers, and the additional hymns. By this means congregations could avail themselves of the new matter furnished in the new book, along with the books hitherto in use.

2. That the plates of the old English Church Book be not destroyed, but preserved for use as circumstances may demand; and that proper authority be given for printing from them, if deemed advisable by the Church Book committee.

3. As the expenses of the committee have hitherto been borne by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania from funds derived from the sale of the English Church Book, and as all their funds have now been transferred to the General Council's committee on publication, it will be necessary for the Council to authorize the payment from the same sources of the small outstanding obligations. They consist of expenses, not yet repaid, incurred by the members of the editorial committee, of the sub-committees on translation and of the general committee. There is a bill outstanding for the publication of Taverner's Augsburg Confession, due equally by the General Synod and General Council to the "Lutheran Board of Publication," 42 N. Ninth street. The publication of Taverner was made by order of the joint committees of the general bodies, as the basis of the new translation, the two committees of the General Synod and General Council assuming all responsibility, and excusing the United Synod because of its relative weakness in numbers and ability to meet the expense.

4. As considerable interest is taken in the appearance of the new English Church Book, even in circles outside of our own Church, especially among liturgical scholars, the committee suggests that authority be given for a judicious distribution of complimentary copies as the Church Book committee may deem advantageous for the more extended

advertisement of the book, as for the bringing into more general recognition the Lutheran Church in America and the General Council.

Respectfully submitted by

THE COMMITTEE.

It was ordered that the form for Public Confession and Absolution be included in the supplemental publication of the Church Book; and it was resolved that the General Council's proportion of the expense of publishing Taverner's Augsburg Confession be paid out of funds belonging to the English Church Book.

The Church Book committee also offered a supplemental report.

The committee on the President's report was appointed as follows: Revs. J. A. Kunkelman, D.D., G. W. Berkemeier, and Messrs. Adolph Saeger, H. Heuer and W. G. Armour.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Brezing.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 16, 2:30 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. A. Richter; and the minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was received and referred to an auditing committee as follows: Messrs. G. H. Moller, J. A. Prigge and A. T. Baker.

The committee on German Home Missions offered their report, which was received, considered by items and finally adopted as whole as follows:

Report of Committee on German Home Missions.

In the letter addressed to the Church in Philadelphia the Lord, among other things, stated first, "I have set before thee an open door," and secondly, "Thou hast a little strength." (Rev. iii: 8.) This can also be said of your committee and its work during the last two years. It had "an open door." Indeed the door was wide open, and the call to enter most urgent, but the committee, alas, had "little strength." Still

it had "strength," and its work has grown wonderfully. In our last report, rendered two years ago to this reverend body, your committee stated that it had to reorganize the entire work for which it had been appointed and commence de novo. It then supported a missionary of the Canada Synod in Winnipeg and several students in Wagner college. It now has seven missionaries in the field, most of whom are for their support, entirely dependent upon the committee. Its field of operation is in the states of Kentucky and Alabama, in the South, and in the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba, Assiniboia and Alberta, in the North-West. Its four missionaries in the North-West are laboring in a territory of 900 miles in extent, from East to West, and more than 300 miles from North to South. Its missionaries in the South have organized three churches; they are serving four congregations and several preaching stations and minister to ——— souls, ———of whom are communicants. The work in the North-West is more extensive. There our missionaries have organized seven churches and are serving at least twenty preaching stations besides. They care for not less than 2,200 souls, 1,206 of whom are confirmed members.

After this general statement we beg leave to present the work of the committee in particular.

I—ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE AND CHANGES IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAME.

The first reguliar meeting of the committee, appointed at the last convention of the General Council, was held on November 12th, 1889. The following officers were elected: Rev. A. Richter, President; Pastor J. Nicum, Secretary; and Rev. G. H. Gomph, Treasurer. On December 9th, 1890, the Rev. A. Richter resigned as president and Rev. J. Steinæuser was elected in his place. November 4th, 1890, Mr. J. Roggmann, member of Concordia Church of Rochester, resigned. Death has taken from our midst three members of the committee, viz.: David Bantleon on April 28th, Frederick Schlegel on May 14th, and John George Wagner on August 13th, all in the present year.

II.—WORK IN THE SOUTH.

1. *Ottenheim, Kentucky.* At the meeting of December 17th. 1889, a request was presented from Immanuel's Ger-

man Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ottenheim, also called Lutherheim, Lincoln county, Kentucky, a place fully 100 miles directly south of the city of Cincinnati. This congregation was organized about the year 1884, and had been up to that time in connection with the Iowa Synod. These people desired that we should aid them in supporting their pastor, the Rev. Otto Kuhr, also a member of the German Synod of Iowa, who, owing to lack of support, had been obliged to leave them. We not only had great misgivings as to the practicability of undertaking a work which had been given up by the Iowa Synod, but we were actually debarred from doing anything for this church as it belonged to the Iowa Synod. The request was, however, renewed and pressed as well on the part of the congregation, as on the part of the pastor. We wrote to the President of the district to which both church and pastor belonged, and he was perfectly willing to dismiss them to a Synod in full connection with the General Council, and actually dismissed both to the N. Y. Ministerium. As the Rev. Mr. Kuhn informed us of a number of settlements of Evangelical Germans, and as he was not only willing to look them up and serve his former congregation at the same time, but also asked for no more support than $200 per annum, the committee granted the request of the congregation at Ottenheim, and also appointed Mr. Kuhr travelling missionary in the South.

In the discharge of his duties he has been most faithful. During the intense heat of July and August, 1890, he undertook an extensive missionary journey. Through the states of Kentucky and Tennessee he travelled on foot, reached into Alabama and formed two settlements of Evangelical Germans near Athens, Limestone county. The one of Sand Spring consisted of German socialists, who, however, received our missionary kindly and were glad to hear that he contemplated establishing a German school. The other settlement near Athens was made up of former residents of Ohio, the Dakotas and other states, and who had found here a new house. Formerly, they had belonged to churches of various Synods, but these Synods did each provide for their scattered members. Mr. Kuhr also explored the state of Kentucky as far as the Cumberland mountains, organized a congregation at Tennessee Ridge, or Liberty, Casey county,

Kentucky, and has been laboring since February, 1891, in the city of Lexington, Kentucky. Rev. Mr. Kuhr is a native of Germany, was educated in the institution at Neuendettelsau and was ordained in 1884 by the German Synod of Iowa.

In order to enable Mr. Kuhr to devote more time to the exploring of the field and to the seeking out of scattered members of our faith, the committee called Mr. Paul Schenke of the missionary institution at Berlin, as assistant to Rev. Kuhr and pastor of the church at Ottenheim. Mr. Schenke was examined by order of the President of the N. Y. Ministerium and ordained on the first Sunday in September, 1890. Subsequently it became necessary to transfer Mr. Schenke to Athens, Alabama, and call the Rev. John Ramsauer, son of the Secret Eeclesiastical Councillor R., of Oldenburg, to Ottenheim. Mr. Ramsauer had pursued his studies in several universities, had been advised by General Superintendent Rev. Ruperti to enter the services of our committee, and had received ordination by direction of the Canada Synod. Since June of the present year, Mr. Ramsauer is stationed at Ottenheim, where he labors under the supervision of Rev. Kuhr, who resides 50 miles to the north of Ottenheim. Mr. Ramsauer teaches school during four days of the week. The parochial school is attended by twelve children. Five were confirmed at Easter. There were baptized nine children. The number of persons belonging to the church is 132, seventy-five of whom are confirmed. Of these sixty-nine communed during last year. The total number of Germans of Evangelical faith at Ottenheim is 300. A large number are of the Reformed faith, and others are disaffected and hard to please. The congregation owns a church edifice worth $550. There is a debt on it of $50. They haved raised $63 towards the support of their pastor, and have connected themselves with the N. Y. Ministerium. The missionary receives from us $200 per annum. Mr. Ramsauer writes under date of September 14th: "I have been moved by your appeal in 'Siloah' for the North-West Mission. I authorize you to send my quarterly appropriation of $50 to the more needy brethren there."

2. *Liberty, Casey County, Kentucky.* Mr. Kuhr has also organized a congregation at this place, which lies twenty-five miles west of Ottenheim, and can be reached only with great

difficulty. The officers of this church write under date of September 12th, that they are at present engaged in building a church. The congregation is served by the pastor at Ottenheim. He receives no pay and has hitherto not even received any compensation for his expenses in visiting these people. There are at Liberty ten families, numbering forty persons, belonging to the church.

3. *Limestone County, Alabama.* St. Paul's congregation, which comprises a settlement near Athens and another at Sand Spring, both in Limestone county, Alabama, was organized on July 19th, 1890, by the Rev. O. Kuhr. He had learned of these settlements and visited them. We have already referred to Mr. Kuhr's visit to these people. He served them until the beginning of February, this year, when Mr. Kuhr found that his services were required in the city of Lexington, Kentucky. As he could serve Ottenheim, at least for the present, in connection with Lexington, the committee sent Rev. Schenke to Alabama. At first services, as well as day school, were held in both settlements. Mr. Schenke taught school on four days in the week, from 9 to 12 A. M. and from 1 to 4 P. M. In the school near Athens sixteen children were instructed, and in that at Sand Spring seven. Both settlements, however, united in building a church. It was not an easy matter to decide where this church should be located, especially as a creek, which at times becomes very large, divides the two colonies. At last it was decided best to build at Sand Spring. The church was dedicated on Easter Sunday last, and is free of debt. Now school as well as divine services are held only in the church building. The congregation has also set apart a piece of land for a cemetery. Mr. Schenke has also a preaching station eight miles from Sand Spring, where more than forty persons attend his services.

Before giving statistics of the church at Sand Spring, which last spring was received into the N. Y. Ministerium, I desire to point out what blessed results have followed the labors of our missionary at this point. It was stated before that the settlement at Sand Spring consisted of German Socialists. They cared nothing for the preaching of the Gospel, their children were unbaptized, but they were kindly disposed towards our missionary because he was willing to

teach school. Occasionally they would attend service. But by the grace of God the labors of our missionary are already beginning to bear fruit. Not long ago one of the settlers brought his children to Christian baptism. Soon another followed and already the number of infant baptisms aggregates fourteen (14). At Athens there are fifty-five persons of the Evangelical Lutheran faith. At Sand Spring, fifty-eight. Of these at Athens, twenty-seven confirmed persons and eleven families with twenty-four children have connected themselves with the church, and at Sand Spring twenty-four confirmed persons and five families, there are, therefore, in the church fifty-one confirmed persons. Communion was celebrated three times since last February. Of these twenty-seven confirmed persons at Athens, twenty-five communed, but of the twenty-four at Sand Spring only two, one of whom is a catechuman, fourteen children were baptized and four persons confirmed, three children and one adult. Towards the support of the missionary the people raise $2 per week. Mr. Schencke receives $200 per year.

4. *Lexington, Kentucky.* In this city of 25,000 inhabitants, and in which one of the most celebrated institutions of learning is located, our youngest and perhaps most promising congregation in the South has been organized. The attention of Pastor Kuhr had been directed to this place some time ago, but the effort to organize a church had to be delayed. Lexington lies 72 miles directly south of Cincinnati; and various attempts at gathering a congregation and building a church had been made in years past by ministers of the Liberal Evangelical Protestants, whose headquarters are at Cincinnati. All these attempts not only failed, but the people at Lexington were also utterly disgusted with everything that savored of German ministers. Mr. Kuhr, however, with undaunting faith began work in January last. He had an attendance the first Sunday of about sixty. The Presbyterian church was secured and services have since been held there. The committee transferred Mr. Kuhr from Athens to Lexington, and in June sent him the Rev. Mr. Ramsauer as assistant in order to relieve him of Ottenheim, which Mr. Kuhr had been serving in connection with Lexington, so that he now could give all his time to Lexington. As the people had formerly been used to great looseness in

matters of faith and even morals, Brother Kuhr was careful to make no mistake and place the new church upon a sound Lutheran basis. It could not be expected that all would unite in a congregation of that character. Some hesitated. They desired first to see whether the labors of Mr. Kuhr would be successful. Others considered the new enterprise too exclusive. They had been used to going from the communion alter at Easter to the "grand ball" given "for the benefit of the German church."

A church constitution has been framed and twenty-six of the forty-five German Protestant families in Lexington form the nuclens of the church. Mr. Kuhr has rented rooms in Main street where he daily instructs fifteen children. The congregation pays the rent, but for the present they are not able to raise more. There are about 120 German Lutherans in Lexington, fifty-five of whom are connected with our congregation. Of these fifty are confirmed. As our missionary desired to become better acquainted with the spiritual condition of the people, and as some belong yet to the Presbytetian church, Mr. Kuhr has not, up to October 1st, held communion service. All the children are baptized except four. Our missionary reports four infant baptisms. None have been confirmed so far. It is very important that the congregation secure a church building of its own. But a suitable lot cannot be had for less than $2,000. The congregation has applied for reception into the N. Y. Ministerium.

(Frankfort, the capital of Kentucky, is not far from Lexington, but there are only fifteen German Protestant families there; six have settled near Donerail. Nothing could be done for them, however, so far as Lexington demands undivided attention.) Our missionary receives $200 per year.

In the South, then, we have at present stationed three missionaries receiving each $200 salary, serving four organized churches and several preaching stations, with 235 confirmed persons and 169 children. Our missionaries baptized twenty-seven children and confirmed nine persons. In the parochial schools fifty-nine children are receiving instruction.

III.—THE WORK IN THE NORTH-WEST.

It will be remembered that shortly after the meeting of the General Council in Minneapolis, the President of the Canada Synod, the Rev. F. Veit, upon an urgent call from

the German Lutheran settlers in the western provinces of Canada, paid them a visit. In December, 1888, Trinity Church in Winnipeg was organized and received into connection with Canada Synod. The missionary committee of this Synod in February, 1889, sent Rev. H. C. Schmieder to Winnipeg to serve the congregation and care for the scattered settlements of the German Lutherans. Your committee asked for aid and it assumed the entire support of Rev. Schmieder, paying to the missionary committee of the Canada Synod the sum of $600 per annum, while the management of the mission lay exclusively in the hands of the Canada Synod. At its meeting held November 12th, 1889, your committee very fully considered the question of its relation to this mission. We all felt we owed it to the church that we should be brought into closer relation and into a position of some resposibility over against a mission which was solely supported from our treasury. As it was, we had no right to nominate the missionary we supported, much less to appoint him. It was therefore resolved that the mission committee of the Canada Synod nominate and your committee appoint or call the missionaries to be sent to the North-West, that instead of paying our appropriation into the treasury of the mission committee of the Canada Synod, we pay it to the missionaries direct, and that all our missionaries and all their churches connect themselves with the Canada Synod. This proposition of your committee was not acceeded to by the mission committee Canada Synod. At a later meeting of your committee, held December 9th, 1889, the matter was again fully discussed. You committee insisted that if it is to support the mission, it should at least be granted the nomination or the the appointment of the missionaries. At the same time the Secretary was instructed to attend the meeting of the mission committee of the Canada Synod in order to convince that body of the propriety and necessity of such an arrangement. The mission committee at length consented "to inform us of the name of the person appointed and of such other matters which may be important to know." Though this was not quite satisfactory, your committee confirmed the support of this mission and sent a delegate to the meeting of the Canada Synod, held at Budcey, Ontario, in June, 1890. Upon a full presentation of the whole matter

ıe Canada Synod resolved unanimously: 1. "That the en-
re management of the North-West mission, including the
alling and appointment of the missionaries, be committed to
ıe German mission committee of the General Council. 2.
hat those missionaries and their churches shall connect
ıemselves with the Synod of Canada and be under its dis-
pline." This offer was accepted by your committee, and
nce then the work has prospered and expanded wonderfully.
here are now stationed in this district four missionaries,
rving eight churches and twenty-five preaching stations,
ith a membership of 1,900 adults and children.

We now invite the attention of the Council to a presen-
tion of the work in the North-West in detail.

1 *Winnipeg, Manitoba.* The organization of this church
ıs already been referred to. Rev. Mr. Schmieder was sta-
ıned here a year and three months. At the time your com-
ittee took charge of the mission Winnipeg was vacant and
r. Schmieder had settled in Central Assiniboia. June 10th,
90, your committee called Rev. Louis Streich, then pastor
Farmham, Erie county, N. Y., as pastor of the church at
innipeg. Mr. Streich seemed specially suited for the posi-
ın, inasmuch as he had formerly been engaged in parochial
bors in the home of many of the settlers of the North-West,
ımely, Southern Russia. Mr. Streich accepted and arrived
Winnipeg about August 10th, 1890. As he has a some-
hat large family the committee did not feel itself justified
offering him less support than Mr. Schmieder had receiv-
. The congregation raises an additional $200. Sunday,
ıgust 9th, the corner stone to a church building 66 x 32
et, with a tower 60 feet high, was laid with appropriate
rvices, at which the President of the Icelandic Synod, who
also pastor at Winnipeg, spoke in his native tongue. Rev.
r. Bergmann, of Gardar, North Dakota, made an English
dress, and Rev. E. Berthold, of Langenberg, Assiniboia,
lowed in German. The church is expected to be furnished
a few weeks. The character of this congregation is pecu-
rly different from all the others. Winnipeg is the gate to
e Canadian North-West. The German Lutheran immi-
ants arriving in the Fall usually stay here until Spring,
ıen most of them take up land or hire out as farm hands.
ring their stay at Winnipeg they are considered as belong-

ing to our church. More than half of the membership of this congregation is, therefore, of a floating character. On the 1st of October it consisted of 130 adult persons and sixty children. There were 110 communicants. On account of the lack of room there was no parochial school, but the Sunday school is attended by fifty children.

The missionaries also serve ten preaching stations, to-wit: *Gretna*, 28 adults, 8 children; *Mordon*, 35 adults, 13 children; Plumcoulee, 42 adults, 18 children; *Alcester*, 25 adults, 15 children; Rosenhof, 14 adults, 8 children; Poplar Point, 14 adults, 9 children; Gruenthal, 25 adults, 17 children; Sellkirk, 5 adults, 3 children; Brandon, 12 adults, 7 children; Moline, 20 adults, 9 children. There are besides one or two other small settlements in Manitoba that have been visited occasionally, viz: Rosenthal, Broken Head. The total number of communicants in Mr. Streich's parish is 255. He has baptized during the year fifty-two children and confirmed four. The church at Winnipeg is valued at $4,500; the congregation has a debt of $2,000. Toward lot and building, $900 have been collected by Pastor Schmieder and $700 by Rev. Streich. The church pays the missionary $200 and from committee $600 additional.

2. *Langenberg and Beresina, Assiniboia.* These two organized churches were formerly served by Rev. Streich in connection with Winnipeg. There are near these churches also three preaching stations, *Landestren*, *Eban-Ezer* and *Seeburn*. One hundred miles north-west of Langenberg another colony is forming. The oldest of these settlements is Langenberg, 240 miles north-west of Winnipeg. The settlers live scattered over a territory of ten miles square. Every square mile, with its 640 acres, is divided into four quarter sections of 160 acres each; of one section, perhaps one quarter section, sometimes several are settled, but every other section is retained by the land company in the hope of realizing a price for their land where the district is well populated. But in the most densely settled portions one farmer has a mile to the one living nearest to him, and sometimes two. When it is borne in mind that in Langenberg there are about sixty settlers, while in Berecina their number is larger, we get an insight into the greatness of the distance our missionaries are obliged to travel: and the necessity of provid-

ing them with conveyances. This condition of things obtains in all the settlements of Assiniboia and Alberta, where most of our churches and stations are found.

Last Fall both congregations resolved to connect themselves with the Canada Synod and united in requesting your committee to send them a pastor. This action they took after a certain Missouri pastor had visited the settlements and endeavored to induce the people to call a minister belonging to his Synod, offering as an inducement that he would serve them gratuitously. They declined with thanks. It is a remarkable stubborn and cold fact that this Synod from year to year laments its inability to provide for its own churches clamoring for preachers, because the number of its candidates does not reach, whilst there is no lack of men when opportunity offers to occupy the field in which others are laboring. But this is not all, nor is it the worst feature of the case. Missouri pretends to believe with the teachings of the Word of God of Symbolical Books that a person shall exercise the office of the ministry only where he is rightly called. Now, in the "Lutheran" it was lately stated that more than thirty congregations which had sent calls for pastors that could not be supplied. Yet pastors of the Missouri Synod, without call, visit the churches and settlements in the North-West to which our missionaries have been rightly called and which are regularly served by them, offering their services. We are happy to state, so far the services of these men have invariably been refused.

July 6th your committee sent to these colonies the Rev. Emil Berthold, a native of Saxony, who had spent five years at the Mission house in Berlin, and one year in our Theological Seminary, and who was ordained at the last meeting of the Synod of Pa. Only with great difficulty he can attend to the large field assigned to him. Your committee has so far not been able to provide the missionary with horse and wagon. The consequence is he has to travel over large distances, and was several times disabled by sore feet.

In Langenberg reside about forty families of German Lutherans, in Beresina 100 and in Landestren thirty. These three colonies are adjoining each other. Eben-Ezer, a preaching station forty miles to the north-west, and Seaburn, as many miles to the south, contain about fifty families more.

Mr. Berthold estimates the German Lutheran population in his district at 1,000 souls, of whom 700 have identified themselves with the church. It will be seen that this is a very large field for one missionary to take care of. The people mostly live in sod houses. They are all heavily in debt. They hoped to realize a handsome return from the harvest this year, but the frosts in August have ruined wheat, corn and other products. Our missionary lives in a small room with one of the farmers and pays $4.50 per week for board. The people are not able to do anything towards his support. Mr. Berthold receives $300 per annum.

3. *Edenwald, Starsburg, etc., Assiniboia.* Rev. H. C. Schmieder, formerly assistant pastor of St. Paul's in Philadelphia has had charge of this large district since May, 1890. He resides at Edenwald, 350 miles west of Winnipeg and ten miles north of the Canadian Pacific station, Balgonie. At Edenwald 176 persons belong to the congregation, eighty-one of whom are confirmed. The church, to which the corner stone was laid on Whitsunday, is nearly completed. Over $400 have been contributed towards it by friends in the East. The building is valued at $700. There is a debt of $47. The congregation owns two acres of land. The parochial school was attended by sixteen children.

Some seventy miles east of Edenwald there are two other congregations. The one, *Josephsberg*, south, and the other, *Neudorf*, north of the In 'Appelle river. Both lie north of the railroad station, Grenfell. A large number of the settlers at this point formerly belonged to the Josephsberg congregation. Zion's congregation at Neudorf quite recently has received a grant of forty acres of land from the government of Canada, for which a patent was issued in the name of "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada." These two congregations comprise about seventy confirmed members, with as many children.

A fourth church has been organied at *Strassberg*, seventy miles to the north-west of Edenwald on the Long Lake. It numbers thirty confirmed members and thirty-five children. Besides these congregations the missionary serves three preaching stations. A colony of German Lutheran imigrants from Russia, ten miles *south-east of Balgonie*, comprising fifteen confirmed persons and twenty-seven children. A set-

tlement in the town of *Regina*, twenty confirmed persons and eighteen children, and in Longlaketon, eight confirmed persons and eight children. In Regina the services are held in a church, the Knox Presbyterian, whilst at all the other stations they are either conducted in one of the small public school houses, or in a still smaller private dwelling. In June, last year, the committee provided a conveyance for Mr. Schmieder which cost $200—and which he agreed to keep in repair. The missionary still receives the same amount of support which the committee paid him when he was pastor at Winnipeg, to-wit: $600. The total number of persons under the care of Mr. Schmieder is 477; 224 of whom are confirmed. During last year he has baptized twenty-one children and confirmed thirteen.

4. *Edmanton, Alberta.* This is perhaps one of the most extreme points in the North-West where a settlement has been attempted. It is 1,075 miles north-west of Winnipeg, and our missionary there has fully 700 miles to his nearest neighbor, the Rev. Mr. Schmieder. The people in the neighborhood of Edmanton had originally settled at Josephsburg and Dunmore, Assiniboia, but owing to the continued drouth of last year there was a total failure of the harvest, and nearly all deserted Western Assiniboia. Rev. Ferdinand Pempeit, who had also pursued his studies at the Mission house in Berlin, was sent by your committee in the month of August, last year, to minister to the large settlement at and about Josephsburg. As we have stated above a large number came 370 miles east and settled along the In 'Appelle river, near Grenfell. Most of those remaining left houses and land behind and moved north-west. It was a most difficult and dangerous undertaking. The missionary asked permission to follow these people to their new settlement, which was granted. On his way he found several settlements of Lutherans, viz: at Calary and at Red Deer River. The new settlement is called *Stony Plain*, and is located fifteen miles north of Edmanton, not far from the north branch of the large Saskatchewan river. To the church at Stony Plain belong forty-five confirmed persons. Rev. Pempeit has baptized twenty-three children during the year. His parochial school was attended by twenty-six children. There has not been any school, however, during the summer. At *Battle*

River there is a settlement of six families, and another at *Red Deer*, both of which are served by our missionary. At *Calgary*, about 250 miles south, another colony of Lutherans exists. Besides these there are some left in the original settlements, *Dunmore*, *Josephsburg* and *Seven Persons*. Our missionary also visited *Leth Bridge*, Alberta, where a number of German Protestants, mostly adherants of the Reformed confession, reside. These demanded that in the celebration of the Lord's Supper the Reformed mode of administration should be used. The missionary asked the committee for advice, who informed him that he was sent out as a Lutheran pastor and that he should not enter into any compromise in matters of faith. But the people preferred having no services rather than receive those of a Lutheran pastor. The care of the settlers in and near Dunmore has been intrusted to the Rev. Streich, as he resides on the line of railroad, and as the Canadian Pacific transports our missionaries free of charge. The number of confirmed Lutherans which are served by our missionaries in Western Assiniboia, and in Alberta is about 150. The salary paid Rev. Pempeit is $400 per annum.

Summary.—Your committee employs seven missionaries, three of whom are in the South and four in the Western Provinces of Canada. They receive at present $2,500 per annum and serve twelve regularly organized churches, two of which are in connection with the N. Y. Ministerium, and four belonging to the Canada Synod. All the remaining churches have also made application for membership in one or the other of these bodies. Our missionaries serve besides twenty-six preaching stations. There are five church buildings, three of these in course of erection. To these churches and stations belong 1,382 confirmed persons and 1,018 children; in all 2,300 persons. There were baptized during last year 134 children, and confirmed thirty-two persons. (It must be remembered that some of our missionaries were sent out only recently.) In the parochial schools 111 children were instructed. There are two Sunday schools attended by fifty-eight children.

IV.—SILOAH.

This is the name of the paper published in the interests of our German Home Mission work, and by the express au-

thority of the General Council. In consequence of which the number of subscribers has been reduced by about two-fifths of what it was two or three years ago. We now have 4,400 readers. A year ago a change in the editorial management took place. Revs. Richter and Steinheauser resigned and the Secretary was elected in their places. Receipts have about covered expenses. Thanks are due to the Rev. H. Grahn for his kind offices in connection with the business management of the paper.

V.—REGULATIONS WITH REFERENCE TO BUILDING CHURCHES, ETC., AND AID EXTENDED TO THEM.

Your committee found it necessary at one of its recent meetings to thoroughly consider the matter of building churches, etc., in our missions where aid is expected from the church at large. Your committee felt that these appeals for aid should be controlled, that none should be made except by consent and authority of the committee, that where churches are not able to bear the cost of erecting a church themselves the plans should first be submitted to the committee, in order to avoid disaster or other unpleasant consequences, and that the money invested by our churches in such buildings should be secured to the General Council in order to carry out the intention of the donor.

These and similar other considerations prompted your committee to adopt the following rules:

Recognizing cheerfully the obligation which the church in general has over against our needy mission churches to aid them in securing places of worship, we lay down the following rules which should govern each and every case:

1. Each case in which support is desired must first be submitted to the committee before any appeal can be published in the church papers, or before the building is commenced.

2. Only after the committee has given its consent such appeals may be published and the building begun.

3. All moneys received in answer to such appeals shall be paid to the treasurer of the committee, and paid out by him as the committee directs.

4. All moneys which are, nevertheless, directly sent to the missionaries, shall by them be paid over to the treasurer of the committee.

5. All these moneys that are received for the erection of such churches shall constitute a church-building fund, and shall be loaned to the various churches upon first mortgage without interest for such a period of time as the committee may determine in every individual case.

6. All plans for the building of such churches, towards which aid is expected, as also the estimated cost of such buildings shall be submitted to the committee for its approval. This shall be accompanied by a statement giving the amount the congregation will raise towards meeting the expense among its members and friends in the neighborhood.

The committee would respectfully ask the General Council whether or not it is empowered to make such regulations, which it deems wise and necessary for the proper arrangement of the work entrusted to it? If the Council is of the opinion that your committee have that power, we still submit these regulations for your approval.

VI.—DIVERS MATTERS.

Our work must be expanded. We ought to send out several more missionaries to the North-West, and to the churches near Grenfell, and another to the large district now occupied by Rev. Berthold. We ought, also, to have a travelling missionary for the many settlements in Manitoba. But sending out a man to the North-West means his entire support, besides furnishing him with conveyance and a house to live in. But, notwithstanding the great and even niggardly economy practiced by your committee, especially during the past year, we have been very limited in our means. We were indeed, by means of special and direct appeals, enabled to meet all payments, but the amount contributed during the last two years for carrying on specific work has been less than $4,000. The next committee must have $4,000 per annum in order to properly do the work entrusted to it.

Your committee was also appealed to by Rev. L. W. Graepp, of Toledo, as well as by the Home Missionary's committee of the District Synod of Ohio, to extend support to the new enterprises commenced by Rev. Graepp, but your com-

mittee had no means. An appeal came also from the State of Washington, which we were obliged to decline for like reasons.

A former member of this committee, Mr. John George Wagner, has bequeathed to the Trustees of this body the sum of $4,500 for the work of German Home Missions.

The committee on publications kindly furnished us with 100 copies of the "Kirchenbuch" for our needy congregations. We desire to express our grateful acknowledgement of this gift. The church at Austin, Texas, still retains $150 worth of church extension bonds, which have not matured. The congregation has withdrawn from the General Council.

Respectfully submitted.

The item of the above report in regard to *securing the loans made to Missions* was referred to the following committee: W. H. Staake, C. R. Lantz and W. Hauff, esquires.

The Treasurer of German Home Missions offered the following report, which was adopted:

Report of the Treasurer of the German Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

RECEIPTS.

October 4th, 1891, balance	$ 220 21	
One-third of proceeds of German publications of G. C	279 64	
Three hundred and fifty-three contributions from Churches, Miss. Societies, S. Schools and individuals	3,335 24	$3,335 10
For mission purposes designated		704 67
Total		$4,539 77

DISBURSEMENTS.

To North-West Missions	$2,739 12
" Missions in Kentucky and Alabama	628 24
" Chicago Mission	50 00
" Students	223 90
" Expenses of Committee, printing, postage, etc	12 73
" Traveling expenses of Secretary	36 85
" Traveling expenses Canada member	71 72
	$3,762 56

AMOUNTS FORWARDED AS DESIGNATED BY DONORS.

To the Institute at Kropp	$ 566 83		
" Rev. Mezentin, Texas	5 00		
" Church Building Fund, Winnipeg	22 50		
" " " " Edenwald	74 00	$ 668	33
Returned to Treasurer of Immanuel's Church, Philadelphia, erroniously sent	$ 35 34		
Agent of Siloah	1 00	$ 36	34
Total		$4,467	23

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$4,539 77
Total disbursements	4,467 23
Balance, October 8th, 1891	$ 72 54
Bond of Church in Austin, Texas	125 00

Pittsford, Monroe Co., N. Y., Oct. 8, 1891.

G. H. GOMPH, *Treasurer.*

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 8th, 1891.

The auditing committee has examined the Treasurer's book, compared it with orders and vouchers, and certifiy to the correctness of his accounts. Signed,

Auditing Com. { JOST. A. CHRIST, C. SCHLOTTMAN, F. FISCHER.

The report of *Siloah* was offered and received as follows:

REPORT OF SILOAH.

The editor hereby respectfully subscribes his report on the German Mission paper, "Siloah:"

Receipts since last report	$1,050 88
Expenses paid for printing, paper and sundries	1,055 77
Account overdrawn	$ 4 89

J. NICUM.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., October 8th, 1891.

We, the undersigned, duly appointed by the German Home Mission Committee to examine the account of the editor of "Siloah," have examined the same, both as to charge and discharge, and have found it correct.

JOST. CHRIST,
CHAS. SCHLOTTMAN,
FRED. FISCHER.

The *Report of the Swedish Home Missionary Committee* was offered and received as follows:

Report of Swedish Home Missionary Committee to the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America.

The report of our Swedish Home Missionary committee for the last two years does not materially differ from that presented to this body at its last Convention. Our mission work to-day is carried forward in the same manner as described in the report of 1889.

Each of the seven conferences of our Synod has its own particular territory, as determined by the Synod, in which the respective executive committees of the conferences are not only concerned that the means of Grace are provided for the souls in the several congregations, but also see to it that the vacant congregations in every mission district are, as far as possible, most carefully looked after.

Every mission district in our conference has a number of small vacant congregations and mission points which, generally, are cared for by the pastors in the district. Every mission district is, therefore, a sort of mission committee which is responsible for the work in its own territory to the conference to which it belongs. A great part, if indeed not the most of the mission work in our Synod, is carried on in this way.

Since the contributions for missions in our conferences during the past several years have been by no means sufficient to properly carry on the work in the extensive fields assigned to each conference, therefore the general mission treasury of our Synod has also been obliged to suffer. All

our mission treasuries are in debt. We have both in the North-West and in the South-West had a series of hard years owing to partial failures of crops, from which cause many of our people, by not being able to secure employment, in many places suffered from want of the necessaries of life. The mission committee of the Synod, as well as the executive committees of the conferences, have not recalled its missionaries from the fields to which they had been sent, but have sought to sustain them, although it had to be done by borrowing money, and not in very small amounts either. That under such circumstances our missionaries were obliged to suffer very perceptibly is readily seen. In the first place, they have some times been obliged to wait for a half or even a whole year for their small salaries, and were, therefore, themselves under the necessity of borrowing the money necessary to live on, and pay interest for the same; and on the other hand, their families have been compelled to economize to such an extent that we can hardly realize it. Hence it is not surprising that some few of them became tired and accepted calls to other points, but the majority, both under the direction of the general committee of the Synod and in the service of the several conferences, have remained faithful at their posts, laboring, praying and practicing self-denial. Let this be said to the glory of God, and at the same time, also, to the praise of the brethren who have merited our most grateful thanks.

The New York and Nebraska conferences have for the last two years, by resolution of the Synod, been excused from contributing anything toward the general mission fund of the Synod, whilst at the same time individual congregations in said conferences have received collections and free-will offerings from other portions of the Synod toward their support. The Pacific conference, in order to carry on the work in its extensive field, needs the direct support from the Synod. The Kansas conference has during these two years been able to contribute very little to the general mission fund, partly on account of poor crops for a number of years, and partly on account of its heavy school debt. Iowa, Illinois and Minnesota have, therefore, been the only places from which contributions for our general mission fund could be received. The large debt which had already been incur-

ed by the mission treasury when our last report was ren-ered to this body, has, in consequence of the existing ad-erse circumstances, not been diminished but rather in-reased. Since the Lord has this year given an abundant arvest throughout the land, and especially in the North-Vest, we have reason to hope for brighter prospects. God rant that our fond hopes may not be put to shame.

In the State of Maine our Synod has one missionary, and so one in Florida. In both of those States we have small ongregations which, however, are unable by themselves to upport a pastor. Sects and factionists cause us no little dif-culty in these fields. Besides those commonly encountered, uch as Baptists, Methodists, Adventists, and such like, the piscopalians, also, have recently become zealous in trying take care of our Swedish Lutheran people. Especially in e New York conference do they exercise a nefarious, pros-yting work. During the past year they have established special department in their Theological Seminary for Vedish students, and have imported ten or more from Veden to be educated, and when they have passed their ex-ination in Episcopal theology are to be sent out among us Vedes, naturally enough to cause confusion and division. ur Synod at its last meeting passed the following resolu-on with reference to those proselyting efforts:

Resolved, That the Synod deprecates most decidedly all oselyting, and most especially the manner and means em-oyed by the Episcopal Church, which represents itself as ing the "Swedish Church in America," and the same as e Lutheran State Church in Sweden, which assertion is t in accordance with the truth; and the Synod instructs President to enter into correspondence with the bishops the several seas in Sweden, in order that, with their co-eration, if possible, in some way to check the proselyting orts of the Episcopalians in this country, and that the esident shall also send this resolution to the House of shops of the Episcopal Church of the United States and nada.

It is a very sad circumstance that there should be occa-n for the passing of such a resolution, and it shows that re is disease in the Christian camp. There is already op-sition enough without that so-called Christians should as-

sist in adding to the difficulties of the work in the extensive fields.

Our mission in Utah has moved along in its quiet way during the past year. In Salt Lake City the little congregation has grown to such an extent that the church building has become too small and must be enlarged. Rev. J. A. Krantz has resigned his work there and accepted a call to another field. Our mission in Utah has been not only diminished in respect to the number of laborers, but this loss is also felt in another way, for Brother Krantz was the oldest missionary in the field and seemed to be suited to the work. Rev. F. A. Linder has been called to Salt Lake City, but will also at the same time take care of the pastoral work in Ogden where he was permanently stationed. Mr. A. Westlernd has accepted a call to be assistant to Rev. Linder.

Rev. A. P. Martin is stationed in Provo, but makes regular visits in Mt. Pleasant and Lantaquin, which begin to be quite important places for our mission.

With regard to the emmigrant mission the Synod resolved at its last annual meeting henceforth to carry on the work alone, since the General Council's Immigrant Mission Committee gave notice that they will no longer contribute to the support of the missionary. Our Synod regards this mission of such importance that it cannot afford to let it be discontinued, although our means are very small and the co-operation of the General Council in this mission was both proper and necessary; but since the committee found itself constrained to pass such a resolution we will pass it over in silence. We are thankful for the help we have received.

At the meeting of the Augustana Synod in Jamestown, N. Y., in 1890, the President, Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, was instructed to call the attention of the English Home Mission Committee to several irregularities in the English mission work within the bounds of our Synod. The answer which the President of the said committee gave was laid before the Synod at its last meeting in Chisago Lake, Minnesota. The Synod did not regard said answer as in conformity with the principles laid down from the beginning of this mission work, wherefore it appointed a committee "to take into consideration the question of the General Council's Home Mission Committee's mission operations in the several confer-

ences, together with the English mission work of those conferences, and report at the next meeting of the Synod." We desire to have this question solved in a sound and satisfactory manner and in accordance with the principles and resolutions passed by this body at different Conventions, in order to avoid all difficulty and possibility of division.

Our schools have executed their high calling with great care and have advanced considerably during the last year. The catalogues, as well as the school statistics as given in the minutes of our Synod, show in detail our work in this respect.

The reports from our orphanages are indeed encouraging. The Lord has indeed blessed us in a most marked manner in this work of mercy.

The hospital in Chicago has continued in operation without intermission, and hundreds of afflicted have been cared for. Rev. C. A. Hultkrans has accepted the call to the hospital of the Minnesota conference, the work of which has been discontinued for a number of years. May God grant His blessing upon this work.

The amount of money contributed for the Swedish home missions for the last two years was $31,972.58, which sum, however, does not represent more than half of the cost of the work actually done.

In the beginning of this year, the 4th of February, one of the founders of this Synod was called to his eternal rest, viz: Rev. Tune Nilsson Hasselquist, Doctor of Divinity. He was personally known to a majority of the members of this General Council, so that it is unnecessary here to give any detailed account of his life and the importance of his work for our church. Our Synod has in him sustained the loss of one of our noblest men. May God raise up, both within our own Synod and in the whole Lutheran Church many who, like him, will live and work for the Glory of Christ and His kingdom upon earth.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. SWÆRD.

The President of the Augustana Synod addressed the Council in regard to the application of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North-West. Pending a motion

to postpone action on the application of the Synod of the North-West, the Council adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. Belfour, D.D.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, October, 16th, 7:30 P. M.

After the session had been opened by a suitable hymn and prayer by Rev. Dr. Repass, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, Rev. W. Ashmead Schaeffer, read the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions. (See Appendix to these minutes.)

The statement of the committee in regard to the continuance of the work of foreign missions gave occasion to a very earnest and interesting discussion of the whole subject, which will no doubt bring much good fruit in the near future. It was resolved, that it is the sense of this Council, that the time has come when the Board of Foreign Missions should appoint a General Foreign Missionary Superintendent, who should visit the Synods, conferences and congregations, to awaken a more general interest and co-operation in this work. The thanks of the Council were tendered to W. H. Staake, Esq., for his self-denying, faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of Treasurer of Foreign Missions.

It was resolved, that the several Mission Committees of the General Council may hereafter be called "*Boards*;" and that the utterances of the Board of Foreign Missions on pages 14, 15 and 16 of the report (see Appendix) should be particularly emphasised.

Finally the report was adopted; and the Council adjourned, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, October 17th, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. J. Q. Waters; and the minutes were read and approved.

The President read a letter from Rev. E. T. Horn, D.D., appointed as visitor from the United Synod of the South; and it was resolved: That we have heard this letter with great pleasure, that it be spread upon the minutes and that a visitor be appointed to attend the next Convention of that venerable body.

CHARLESTON, S. C., 31 Pitt St.,
October 14th, 1891.

To the President of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of North America:

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER:—The United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, at its last Convention, appointed me a visitor to your body, and Rev. S. Henkel, D.D., alternate. We very much regret that we are unable to be present at your meeting, but beg leave to offer the fraternal greetings of the United Synod. It is a matter of great satisfaction to us that you and we are united in the confession of the same faith and the use of a common order of worship. Though each body has its own sphere and duty, we are sustained by mutual confidence and furthered "by the effectual working in the measure of every part." And we trust you share with us the hope (which never for a moment forsakes us) that all the divisions of our great church in this country may soon be at one in faith and practice and order.

It will give us pleasure to welcome a visitor from the General Council at our next Convention, at Staunton, Va.

Fraternally yours,

EDWARD T. HORN.

Rev. Dr. Repass was appointed as visitor to the United Synod of the South, with Rev. Dr. E. Belfour as his alternate.

The Committee on Publication offered a report, which was received.

The supplementary report of the Church Book Committee was then taken up for consideration. The first recommendation thereof, restoring the original title of the Church Book, was adopted; the second was also adopted and referred to the Committee on Publication. Pending the third recom-

mendation, the Council adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wenzel.

EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

On Saturday evening a meeting was held in the church, at which the representatives of institutions of learning in our connection, and other brethren, addressed the members of the Council and of the congregation on the work of education within this body.

ENGLISH HOME MISSION MEETING.

On Sunday evening earnest and stirring addresses were delivered on the subject of English Home Missions by Revs. G. H. Geissinger, G. H. Gerberding, Hiram Peters and the Secretary of English Home Missions, Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 19th, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Mechling; and the minutes were read and approved. The regular order of business was suspended until the arrival of the Chairman of the Church Book Committee.

Rev. Dr. Belfour offered the following, concerning the observance of the Lord's Day at the approaching Columbian Exposition, which was adopted:

To the United States Commissioners of the World's Exposition:

The General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, being one of its four General Bodies in this country, at the Convention held in October, 1891, in the city of Buffalo, New York, resolved to petition your honora-

ble body to order that the great Exposition under your control shall be closed on Sundays, for the following, among many other, reasons:

1. Because we believe that the spirit of the Holy Scriptures indicates, and nature demands, that men shall be allowed one day out of seven to rest from their labors and enjoy the comforts and ennobling influences of home.

2. Because we believe that history and observation prove, beyond all reasonable boubt, that those are the most moral, orderly and peaceful communities, in which this special day is observed and respected.

3. Because we believe that the best interests of our people will be promoted by discontenancing the growing disposition to secularize Sunday and break down its moral and religious restraints.

4. Because we believe that many of those, who desire to be exhibitors at the Exposition, will refuse to become such, if it is to be kept open on Sunday; or, if forced by circumstances to submit, will grievously suffer in their consciences.

5. Because we believe that, if the Exposition be kept open on Sunday, a cruel burden will be forced on thousands of working people, both male and female, in the employment of the authorities and exhibitors of the Exposition, of the various transportation companies, and of other parties concerned, directly and indirectly, with the great enterprise.

6. Because we believe that the great majority of the adherents of the different religious denominations of our land most earnestly desire that the Exposition shall be closed on Sunday.

7. Because we believe that we ought to repeat and emphasize, to the world's visitors, the course pursued at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, and show a laudable example of consideration for the comfort of working people, for good order and self-restraint, and for proper respect for the consciencious convictions and earnest wishes of the millions of Christian people who deprecate the Sunday opening.

And it was ordered by the above named General Council that this petition, properly certified, shall be sent by the English Corresponding Secretary to the United States Commissioners of the World's Columbian Exposition.

The report of the Auditing Committee was received and adopted as follows:

Report of the Auditing Committee.

BUFFALO, N. Y., October 16th, 1891.

Report of the committee to audit the accounts of William H. Staake, Treasurer of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

To the President and Members of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America:

Your committee have examined the following accounts of the Treasurer: General Expense, Foreign Mission, "Missions-Bote," German Foreign Mission Paper, Foreign Missionary, English Foreign Mission Paper, Mary A. Ratzel Fund.

Your committee vouched the General Expense fund and Mary A. Ratzel fund accounts and found the same correct as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

Your committee found the Foreign Mission fund, Missions-Bote and Foreign Missionary accounts had been examined by Rev. William Ashmead Schaeffer and Mr. J. Washington Miller, a committee appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Council, and had been found correct. See certificates appended to those accounts.

GEO. H. MOLLER,
ALBERT T. BAKER,
JOHN A. PRIGGE.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND ACCOUNT.

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

Debtor.

1889.	Balance from last year.....		$1,204 83
Oct. 9.	To cash Swedish Lutheran Immanuel's Church, Chicago, Ill., collection taken up for the Swedish minutes per G. Lindahl, treasurer of Illinois conference.....		7 46
1890.			
May 29.	To cash from Rev. G. W. Frederick prem. 2,000 S. S. bks. @ 4 cents.....$	80 28	
	Premiums 1,150 S. S. books w. music @ 5 cents.....	57 50	
	Premiums 500 catechisms....	10 00	147 78
July 8.	W. A. Schmitthenner, Treas. Ministerium of New York..		3 00
Dec. 19.	Rev. G. W. Frederick, prem. 2,100 copies S. S. books with words, @ 4 cents.....	84 00	
	Prem. 1,410 copies S. S. books with words, @ 5 cents.....	70 80	
	Prem. 510 Gen. Council Catechism, @ 2 cents..:.....	10 20	165 00
1891.			
July 28.	To cash from Ignatz Kohler, Mar. 27, 1889, balance last settlement.....	45 00	
	Oct. 3, 1889, 1,500 S. S. books without music.....	60 00	
	Mar. 17, '90, 1,000 S. S. books with music.....	50 00	
	May 29, '90, 1,500 S. S. books without music.....	60 00	
	June 11, '91, 1,500 S. S. books with music.....	75 00	
	June 11, '91, 2,500 S. S. books without music.....	100 00	390 00
			$1,918 07

1891.	Brought forward.....		$1,918 07
Aug. 3.	To cash Trinity Ev. Lutheran Geneva, O., Rev. A. Beyer. pastor. per Rev. J. H. Smith Treas. Dist. Synod, O., for German Home Mission Gen. Council.....		14 70
Oct. 1.	To cash Prof. Samuel Sadtler Treas. Gen. Council Board Pub., proceeds Eng. pubs...	500 00	
	Same, German publications..	1,000 00	1,500 00
Oct. 6.	To cash Rev. G. W. Frederick prem. 1,800 s. s. books with words, @ 4 cents.....	72 00	
	Prem. 1,000 s. s. books with music.....	75 00	
	Prem. 500 G. C. catechisms..	10 00	157 00
	Prem. 2,109 s. s. books with words.....	84 36	
	Prem. 1,655 s. s. books with music.....	82 75	
	Prem. G. C. catechisms.....	10 00	177 11
			$3,766 88

Creditor.

1889.			
Oct. 14.	By cash sexton Pittsburgh Church.....		$ 10 00
"	Expressage, Rev. Belfour...		90
Nov. 6.	Craig, Finley & Co., 1,750 annual rept. For. Miss. Com. 250 copies bound.....		139 36
Dec. 23.	Rev. G. H. Mechling, Eng. Rec. Sec. post. on minutes.	$ 43 00	
	Same, stationery, packing and mailing minutes.....	19 00	62 00
1890.			
Jan. 30.	Rev. J. Nicum. German Rec. Sec. stamps, express.. etc. German minutes.....		9 86
			$ 222 12

1890.	Brought forward.....		$ 222 12
Jan. 30.	Theo. Wischam. Reading. Pa. 1.500 German minutes. 1889. printing and binding.....	218 00	
	Shipping by mail 1.300 copies by freight 200 copies.....	50 25	268 25
"	Thos. Wetzeler. Lancaster. O. printing 1.500 Eng. minutes	120 00	
	Eight extra pages @ $1.40...	12 00	
	Expressage from Philadelphia	4 90	136 90
Mar. 7.	Miss Lizzie L. Mechling recording minutes in Protocol		25 00
" 29.	Transferred to For. Miss. fund $\frac{1}{3}$ estimated net proceeds German publications.....		139 82
	$\frac{1}{3}$ estimated net proceeds English publications.....		46 61
"	Rev. G. H. Gomph. Treas. German Home Miss. Com. $\frac{2}{3}$ net proceeds Ger. pubs..		279 64
"	Henry Beates. Treas. Eng. Home Mission Committee...		93 22
June 6.	Theo. Wischam. printing and mailing pastoral letter.....		11 40
July 25.	Rev. G. W. Mechling for The Gazette. printing pastoral letter.....	7 00	
	Mailing and postage. do.....	7 00	14 00
Oct. 10.	Lutheran Augustana Book Concern. pge. and mailing Herde-bref.....	2 77	
	Envelopes	1 53	
	Printing 600 copies.....	5 00	9 30
"	Transferred to Foreign Miss. Fund $\frac{1}{3}$ net proceeds German publications.....	333 $33\frac{1}{3}$	
	$\frac{1}{3}$ net proceeds English pubs...	166 $66\frac{2}{3}$	500 00
" 14.	Henry Beates. Treas. English Home Miss. Com., $\frac{2}{3}$ proceeds English publications.		333 33
			$2.079 59

1890.	Brought forward.....	$2,079 5
Oct. 10.	Rev. G. H. Gaumph, Treas. German Home Miss. Com. ⅔ proceeds German pubs....	666 6
"	Henry Beates, Treas. English Home Mis. Com. ⅔ of $334.11 from Rev. G. W. Frederick	222 7
"	Trans. to Foreign Miss. Fund ⅓ net proceeds $334.11, Rev. Frederick.....	111 3
	Balance	685 9
		$3.766 2

ACCOUNTS OF WILLIAM H. STAAKE, TREASURER

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, OCTOBER, 1889, TO OCTOBER, 1890.

Debtor.

Cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer, Rev. H. Grahn and others, as acknowledged in Foreign Missionary and Mission Bote.....	$10,258 1
Cash transferred from General Expense Fund, being ⅓ net proceeds from German publications	139 8
Cash transferred from General Expense Fund, being ⅓ net proceeds from English publications	46 6
Returned check of Hermann Michelson on Rev. Dr. Edman's indebtedness (not used).....	129 7
Balance last year.....	1,329 3
	$11.903 3
Overdrawn	139 3
	$12,043 6

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, OCTOBER, 1889, TO OCTOBER, 1890.

Creditor.

Rev. E. Edman, out-fit and travelling expenses...	$ 900 00
" " salary	529 84
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary	944 22
Rev. F. J. McCready, salary	662 75
Rev. A. Fiensch, salary Rev. Pohl	1,087 00
Ida Bleshoy, for Rev. Schmidt's child	350 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, gen. ex	4,560 00
Mrs. Wm. Gronning, balance salary due Rev. Gronning $190, travelling expenses $300	490 00
Mrs. Lizzie V. Artman, balance salary due Rev. Artman	180 45
A. N. Seidl, administrator estate Rev Dietrich, salary April 1st to June 11th, '89	205 07
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, for Tallipudi Church	318 29
Rev. F. J. McCready " "	390 80
Rev. J. A. Waters, Rev. McCready's account	322 50
Rev. G. A. Nelson, Princeton, Ill., Rev. Edman's indebtedness	368 30
Rev. Wm. A. Schaeffer, outlays on McCready acct.	56 00
" " " freight on box to Rev. McCready	18 31
Herman Michelson, Rev. Edman's indebtedness	80 62
Carl Bergbom " "	102 00
Erik Bjurling " " ...	45 00
Rev. V. Vixell " "	13 97
Rev. C. G. Fischer, salary as agent	25 00
Rev. H. Grahn, salary as agent	58 33
Rev. Frederick, eight years subscription of Rev. Schmidt to Lutheran	29 44
Rev. Frederick, eight years subscription of Rev. McCready to Lutheran	2 50
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, lace sold on Mrs. S.'s acct....	82 00
Mrs. Spaeth, interest on a $1,000 loan	50 00
Levytype Co., plate portrait of Rev. Dietrich	6 00
Brown Bros. & Co., cost of cable of draft	4 48
Miscellaneous expenses, postage, freight, etc	24 53
	$11,907 40
Mer. Am. Co., check money order retd. and credited in bank book	6 00
Herman Michelson, check returned, not used on Rev. Dietrich's indectedness	129 70
	$12,043 10

FOREIGN MISSION FUND, OCTOBER, 1890, to OCTOBER, 1891.

Creditor.

Rev. H. C. Schmidt, salary	$ 1,095 26
Rev. F. J. McCready, salary	902 28
Rev. Emanuel Edman, salary	508 28
Rev. Hugo Grahn, salary	125 00
Miss Agnes J. Schade, out-fit	100 00
" " " travelingl expenses to India	350 00
Miss Kate Sadtler, passage to Liverpool	100 00
" " travelling expenses to India	350 00
" " salary	450 71
Miss Agnes J. Schade, salary	452 71
Rev. G. F. Kuder, out-fit	100 00
" " state-room Mr. and Mrs. Kuder	100 00
" " travelling expenses	600 00
" " salary in advance	200 00
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, general expenses	5,800 00
Rev. A. Fiensch, salary	1,000 00
Rev. J. A. Waters, McCready's account	250 00
Rev. V. Goetsche, Denmark, Rev. Schmidt's children	350 00
Mrs. Spaeth, interest to Feb. 9, '91, on $1,000	50 07
Rev. Schmidt, medicines on Edman account	200 00
" " Zenana Home	400 00
Rev. Schaeffer, carriage hire for missionaries	6 00
Rev. G. Sibole, " "	6 00
Gottfried Blongus, ½ salary on Edman's account	100 00
Rev. P. S. Edman on Rev. Edman's indebtedness	47 50
Rev. Jos. Mattson, " "	54 75
Lutheran Publication House, books on Rev. Edman's account	4 22
Foreign Missionary for Rev. McCready	3 34
Rev. H. C. Schmidt, lace sold Mrs. Schmidt's acct.	107 18
Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, book account Rev. McCready	9 94
Ladies Home Journal, Rev. McCready	5 44
Rev. L. Huhn, Burlington, Ia., Dr. Edman's acct.	20 00
Rev. E. Edman, personal gift from Swedish Lueran Church, Minnesota	26 00
Luth. Augustana Book Concern per Edman's acct.	20 00
J. G. Finley, retd. check Spring Garden Nat. Bk.	1 00
Chestnut Street Trust & Savings Fund, exr. Rev. Artman, Rev. Schmidt's account	16 20
Postage, postals, freight, etc	6 41
	$13,918 22
Contr's Rev. E. Olson, with request to be forwarded	17 31
	$13,935 53

FOREIGN MISSION FUND. OCTOBER. 1890. TO OCTOBER. 1891.

Debtor.

Cash received from Rev. Hugo Grahn and others as acknowledged in Foreign Missionary and Mission Bote	$12.930	72
Cash received from Rev. E. Olsen. with request that we send same to different parties named in letter	17	31
Transferred from general expense fund. ⅓ net proceeds German publications	333	34
Transferred from general expense fund. ⅓ net proceeds English publications	166	66
	$13.448	03
Overdrawn	487	50
	$13.935	53

RESUME OF TWO YEARS.

Debtor.

1889 to 1890	$11,903	57
1890 to 1891	13,448	03
Total shortage	627	03
	$25,978	63

Creditor.

1889 to 1890	$12,043	10	
1890 to 1891	13,935	53	$25,978 63
Transferred from Mission Bote by order of Auditing Committe			$ 1,606 10
Paid shortage of Foreign Missionary accounts by order of Auditing Committee			$ 211 30
Foreign Mission fund overdrawn last year			627 03
			$ 838 33
Net balance of Foreign Mission fund			767 77
			$ 1,606 10

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof.

Com. { WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER, J. WASH. MILLER.

October 5th, 1891.

"MISSIONS BOTE," NOVEMBER, 1889, TO NOVEMBER, 1890.

Debtor.

Cash received from Rev. C. G. Fischer	$ 209 85
Cash received from Rev. Hugo Grahn	2,101 00
	$ 2,310 85

Creditor.

W. E. Hering, printing, etc., furnishing paper, etc., mailing, postage, etc., 12 Nos	$ 1,370 53
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, to pay Photo Electrotype Co. and Press Engraving Co., for plates, photos, engravings, electros, etc	61 12
W. E. Hering, postals and printing	23 50
" order book	6 00
John G. Maier, six Missions Bote, etc	1 77
	$ 1,462 92
Balance	847 93
	$ 2,310 85

"MISSIONS BOTE," NOVEMBER, 1890, TO NOVEMBER, 1891.

Debtor.

Rev. Hugo Grahn	$ 2,046 65
Subscription Mrs. Mary D. Anspach	25
	$ 2,046 90

Creditor.

W. E. Hering, printing Missions Bote, furnishing paper, including mailing, postage, expressage, etc., eleven numbers	$ 1,246 92
W. E. Hering, postal cards and postage	6 25
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, to pay Photo Electrotype Co. and Press Engraving Co	35 56
	$ 1,288 73
Balance	758 17
	$ 2,046 90

RESUME OF TWO YEARS.

Debtor.

eceived 1889 and 1890	$ 2,310 85
eceived 1890 and 1891	2,046 90
	$ 4.357 75

Creditor.

aid out 1889 and 1890	$ 1,462 92	
aid out 1890 and 1891	1.288 73	
	$ 2,751 65	
Balance	1.606 10	$ 4.357 75

The above account having been carefully examined by ; in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we have found .e same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge ereof. Signed.

Com. { WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER. J. WASH. MILLER.

October 5th. 1891.

)REIGN MISSIONARY. NOVEMBER, 1889. TO NOVEMBER. 1890.

Debtor.

eceived from Revs. C. G. Fisher and Hugo Grahn.	$ 584 48
eceived from G. H. Deickmann. fifty copies For-eign Missionary one year	6 00
E. Roller, Harmonton, Box 270. Atlantic City, New Jersey	40
A. Dorf, Smoky City, McPherson, Kansas. two years subscription to Foreign Missionary	40
inity Ev. Luth. S. S. of Bangor, Pa., 100 For-eign Missionary one year from May, 1890	10 00
as. Grundlach. Odell. Washington Co., Pa	20
	$ 601 48
Overdrawn	167 76
	$ 769 24

Creditor.

Craig, Finley & Co., Foreign Missionary and postage, 14 numbers	$	769 24

FOREIGN MISSIONARY, NOVEMBER, 1890, TO NOVEMBER, 1891.

Debtor.

Rev. Hugo Grahn	$	511 62
G. H. Deickmann, fifty copies Foreign Missionary one year		6 00
Lydia Klove, Leland, Ill., Foreign Missionary for Rev. J. P. Remersteens, 60 cents, Rev. A. A. Klove, Leland, Ill., 40 cents		1 00
J. A. Taughert, sample copies Foreign Missionary		5
Miss Mary Hank, for Foreign Missionary		1 20
M. N. Norberg, Foreign Missionary, 1890–91		2 00
G. H. Deickmann, fifty copies Foreign Missionary		6 00
B. F. Apple, one year sub. Foreign Missionary (100)		10 00
J. C. Faher, sub. to Foreign Missionary of Miss Hattie Leger		20
J. J. Reitz, sub. to Foreign Missionary for 1890 and 1892, Elias J. Kuntz, Cherryville, Pa., 40c New subscriber August, '91, to August, '92, 20c		60
	$	538 67
Overdrawn		43 54
	$	582 21

Creditor.

Craig, Finley & Co., 11 numbers	$	582 21

RESUME OF TWO YEARS.

Debtor.

1889 to 1890	$	601 45
1890 to 1891		538 67
Total shortage		211 30
	$	1,351 42

Creditor.

1889 to 1890	$ 769 24	
1890 to 1891	582 21	$ 1,351 45

The above account having been carefully examined by us in all its particulars, we hereby certify that we have found the same correct, both as to the items of charge and discharge thereof. Signed,

Com. { WM. ASHMEAD SCHAEFFER.
J. WASH. MILLER.

October 5th. 1891.

MARY A. RATZEL FUND.

The Treasurer has also received from J. Jacob Mohr, Esq., executor of the last will and testament of Mary A. Ratzel, deceased:

Mortgage bond of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania secured upon Mt. Airy property Philadelphia.	$ 500 00
Cash	1,635 00
	$ 2,135 00

Which fund is held in trust to apply the income for the benefit of foreign missionary operations of the General Council under the direction of the Trustees of the General Council.

WILLIAM H. STAAKE, *Treasurer.*

The consideration of the report of the committee on the application for admission of the English Evangelical Lutheran Synod of the North-West was resumed; and, in accordance with the suggestion of the delegate of said body, Rev. Gerberding, action thereon was deferred until the next Convention; and it was resolved that the brethren of said Synod shall have the privileges of the floor. The consideration of the Supplementary Report of the Church Book Committee was resumed; and the third recommendation was, by permission, withdrawn. It was resolved that the imprint on the title page of the Church Book, and of all other publications of the General Council, shall be: The General Council Publication Board: Philadelphia, Pa., 18—. And it was ordered

that only the recommendations of the supplementary report, as adopted by this Convention, be published in the minutes, which are the following:

1. That the General Council disapproves of the alterations made in the electrotype plates of the new English Church Book, by which the title page has been changed from that arranged by the Church Book Committee, and from that by which entry has been made for copyright; and hereby directs that the title page be at once restored as originally cast, and, also, that the restored title page be inserted in all copies of the book now printed, or hereafter to be printed, before being offered for sale.

2. That the necessary arrangements be at once made with some recognized store or mercantile house in the book trade, convenient of access to the public, for the primary depository and sale of this book; and that no imprint other than that of the Council Publication Board be allowed. (This resolution was referred to the Publication Board.)

Rev. Dr. Seiss offered the following:

In order to complete the provisions of the General Council for the publication of its various books, German and English, be it

Resolved. 1. That two standing editorial committees be appointed, one for the German books and one for the English, who shall act for the General Council, and under its directions, in editing all its books, and all new forms and editions of them; to see that they be correct in text, satisfactory in form, and in strict accord with the will and orders of the Council; to whom, also, all proposed forms and proof-sheets of the books to be issued or printed shall be submitted (the German books to the German committee, and the English books to the English committee); and that no book of the General Council, or any form or edition of it, shall be issued except under the editorial supervision and by the approval of the committee in whose editorial charge it belongs. (Adopted.)

2. That the title page of all the books authorized and issued by the General Council, whether German or English, shall have the one uniform entry upon them, so as to read: by the authority of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America. (Adopted.)

3. That as far as possible the books of the Council be ued and sold from one and the same primary depository store, or one for the German and one for the English oks; that the necessary contracts be made to this end; and t all existing arrangements, contracts or agencies preven- e of such concentration in the publication of the Council's oks, be terminated and canceled as soon as can be, in order t the will of the General Council in this respect may be filled. (Referred to the Publication Board.)

4. That the Publication Board shall keep correct rec- ls of their arrangements, contracts and operations; keep ount of all moneys received and payments made, of the tes of the several books under their charge, and where posited, and of all copies printed, sold or on hand; and ll report the same in due form to each Convention of the neral Council; which reports shall be duly audited. dopted.)

Senior Gaubau, of Buffalo, was introduced to the Council.

The report of the Publication Committee was taken up consideration; and the Publication Board was authorized oind the small edition of the Church Book in two parts

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mueller.

SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY, October 18th, 2:30 P. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. Volken- g; and the minutes were read and approved.

It was resolved to appropriate $75 to pay the travelling penses of the delegate of the Synod of Texas.

The report of the Publication Committee was taken up; l the inquiry of the committee in regard to the sale of the ets of the first part of the German Church Book, pub- ed separately, was left to the judgment of the Publica- n Board. The report was finally adopted as a whole as ows:

Report of the Publication Committee.

Your "Committee for the Publication and Sale of the Books of the General Council" respectfully submits the following report:

A few months after the last Convention of the General Council our former agent and treasurer, Mr. John C. File, became financially involved and retired from business. He was indebted to this body in the sum of $970.12. To cover the amount he offered, through his representative, two notes of $500 each, which were accepted by and subsequently paid to your committee. The difference between the amount due and the amount paid was considered as an equivalent for interest. Your committee's bills payable at the time amounted to $1,238.05.

The President of your body was pleased to appoint Mr. James N. Mohr, of Philadelphia, a member of this committee in place of Mr. File. He has accepted the position and takes an active interest in our work.

As it was necessary to have an agent at once, Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, although earnestly requesting to be excused from this arduous work, yet being urgently prevailed upon by the other members of the committee, finally consented, and was elected to serve in this capacity, which he has done since June 6, 1890.

The office of Treasurer was filled by the election of Prof. Samuel P. Sadtler, Ph.D.

Arrangements were made with the Provident Life and Trust Company, of Philadelphia, to deposit there until they can be paid as surplus to the Treasurer of the General Council, the funds coming into the hands of the committee from the sale of books, the company agreeing to pay two per cent. interest on balances. No money is to be paid out except upon order of the committee, signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman and Secretary. These orders are valid as checks, the same as ordinary checks, and are accepted as such at any bank.

On July 1st, 1891, the contracts with Messrs. I. Kohler and T. H. Diehl for publishing the German Sunday School Book with music and without music expired, and after some

correspondence, the plates of these books were transferred to your committee, as per resolution of your Trustees.

Mr. I. Kohler paid $390 as premiums on 5,500 Sonntagschulbuch without music and 2,500 with music.

Mr. T. H. Diehl reports:

1,125 copies Sonntagschulbuch with music @ 5c....	$ 56 25
5,375 copies without music @ 4 cents.....	255 00
Total.....	$ 311 25

On the same date, July 1st, 1891, the contract with Rev. G. W. Frederick expired, and he has lately transferred to your committee the plates of the English Sunday School Book with music and without music, and of the English Catechism with proof texts. For the year 1890 he paid in premiums to Mr. Staake the sum of $312.78.

By resolution of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania the plates, both old and new, sheets and surplus funds of the English Church Book were transferred to your committee. Rev. J. K. Plitt, Treasurer of said Ministerium, paid to our officers the sum of $948.36 balance of Church Book account, and placed 2,800 copies of Church Book in sheets, subject to our order.

Of the new Church Book the committee ordered 5,000 copies to be printed, 2,500 copies with the imprint of the Lutheran book store and 2,500 copies with the imprint of the committee's agent. As the book contains 970 pages it was necessary, in order to make a neat and convenient volume, to use very thin paper, and this as opaque as possible. Your committee believes that it has succeeded in securing very excellent paper for the purpose.

Although the new book contains 318 pages more than the old book it was, after careful consideration, resolved to make no change in the price, but to furnish our congregations the new book at the same rates at which the old book was sold, viz: $1 per single copy, $9.60 per dozen and $75 per hundred copies. If the income from the book at these prices is less we believe our congregations will be glad to know that the difference is their gain.

Five hundred copies of the Orders for Ministerial Acts have been printed separately, in a convenient form for the use of pastors.

A request has been made for an edition of the English Church Book printed from the new plates on large paper with wide margins, making a large volume for chancel use. Your committee not being certain whether enough copies could be disposed of to warrant the expenditure, resolved to refer this matter to you for decision.

An edition of the Church Book, smaller in size than that at present in use, has been spoken of and the suggestion made that it be so arranged that it can be bound in two parts. The publication committee has taken no action, preferring to await instructions from the General Council.

The German Home Mission Committee sent in a request for a donation of fifty large and fifty small Kirchenbuch for use in its mission work. The case was presented as urgent and we supplied the need, trusting that you would approve of our course. We herewith respectfully request such approval.

Several years ago you permitted, at the special request of several pastors, the issue of a separate edition of the first part (the liturgical portion) of the German Church Book. One thousand copies were printed and two hundred copies bound. Those who desired the issue have failed to avail themselves of it, as none of the copies have been sold. Perhaps the reason for this is that you ordered only bound copies to be sold at a rate but 15 per cent. lower than the price of the entire book. As these sheets are now "dead" stock on hand, what shall your committee do with them? Will you allow their sale in sheets as long as the supply on hand lasts? We believe that some of them, and perhaps the entire edition, could be disposed of in this manner.

Our expenditures have recently been extraordinarily heavy, as plates had to be made for the additions to and changes in the German Church Book; new editions of both sizes of the German Church Book and of the new English Church Book have been printed, and as far as completed, paid for; and only as these are disposed of will the income appear. All the stock on hand has been paid for, there remains no indebtedness and $1,500 surplus have been paid into the hands of Mr. Staake, your Treasurer.

We believe that the General Council will rejoice with us that, at long last, all its books are in the hands of its own

nmittee which will henceforth publish them, so that all
e income above actual expenses will flow into the treasury
the Church. In this joyful hope,

We remain, respectfully.

YOUR COMMITTEE.

Philadelphia, Pa., October 5th, 1891.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I—KIRCHENBUCH.

A—Receipts.

om Mr. File and for 1,346 large, bound, 2,717 small, bound, 1.055 large and 2.675 small sheets		$ 4.270 04
Interest		8 75
Total receipts		$ 4.278 79

B—Expenditures.

r printing 2,100 large, 5.050 small and binding 1,806 large and 3,135 small, including boxing and shipping the same	$ 2.064 66	
w plates of "Ministerial Handlungen"	168 15	
tering Folios and two boxes	44 05	
pairing plates small Kirchenbuch	33 00	
per for both sized and printing 4.000 small	628 30	$ 2,938 16
Surplus		$ 1.340 63

C—Stock.

	Sheets Large	Sheets Small	Bound Large	Bound Small
hand June 6, 1890	2,100	5.050	761	760
eets sold	1.055	2.675		
	1.045	2,375		
Bound			1.045	2.375
			1,806	3,135
rnished German Home Missionary Com			50	50
			1.756	3.185
und copies sold			1.346	2.717
hand			410	268

A new edition, 4,000 copies, of the small Kirchenbuch has just been printed, and the large book with all recent additions is on press.

II—CHURCH BOOK.

A—Receipts.

Received cash from Rev. J. K. Plitt		$ 948 36
Received from sale of sheets		150 00
Total received		$ 1,098 36

B—Expenditures.

For paper and printing new Church Book	$ 625 80	
Separate plates for "Orders for Ministerial Acts" and printing 500 copies	49 05	$ 674 85
Balance		$ 423 51

C—Stock.

Sheets of old Church Book from Rev. J. K. Plitt	2,800
Sold	500
On hand	2,300
New Church Book printed	5,000
Bound	1,450
Sheets	3,550

III—LITTLE CHILDREN'S BOOK.

A—Receipts.

From sale of 330 in boards and 56 in muslin	$ 96 35

B—Expenditures.

Corrections in plates	$ 2 50	
Advertising	16 68	
Printing on circulars	1 75	$ 20 93
Surplus		$ 75 42

C—Stock.

	Muslin.	Boards.
)n hand June 6, 1890	626	330
;old	56	330
On hand	570	

IV—CONSTITUTION FOR CONGREGATIONS.

A—Receipts.

'rom sale of 177 English	$ 7 08	
'rom sale of 146 German	5 84	$ 12 92

B—Expenses.

None.

C—Stock.

	English.	German.
n hand June 6, 1890	800	190
old	177	146
On hand	623	44

V—GERMAN CATECHISM.—(MINIATURE EDITION.)

n hand 50 copies. Sold none.

VI—KIRCHENBUCH—FIRST PART.

	Large.	Small.
n hand, sheets	800	800
ound	197	197

Sold none.

RECAPITULATION.

irchenbuch, surplus		$ 1,340 63
hurch Book, surplus		423 51
ittle Children's Book		75 42
)nstitutions		12 92
)st of Order Books	$ 6 00	
)st of Check Books	4 00	
arious expenses, postage, paper, envelopes, etc	39 96	
ash on hand to pay for binding English and German Church Book, for which bills are about to be presented	$ 302 52	$ 352 48
Surplus paid Mr. Staake		$ 1,500 00

F. W. WEISKOTTEN,
Agent of Publication Committee.

It was ordered that the copies on hand of the old edition of the Church Book be sold at the same price as heretofore; and that the new book be published as soon as possible.

It was resolved that a new Sunday School Book be prepared by the Church Book Committee; and a committee was appointed as follows, to nominate a Church Book Committee: Revs. J. Fry, D.D., D. H. Geissenger, J. Steinhaeuser, W. A. Schaeffer, G. H. Trabert, J. Sarver and W. A. Passavant, Jr.

The Committee on Securing Loans made to Missions offered the following report, which was adopted:

BUFFALO, October 19th, 1891.

The special committee appointed by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America to consider the best methods of lawfully securing funds loaned by the Home Mission Board of the General Council to churches and congregations, within and without the States and Territories of the United States of America, and more especially within the Dominion of Canada, would respectfully report:

That while they have given consideration to the general subject, they have found it impossible, during this Convention of the General Council, to make an intelligent examination of the statute laws and decisions of the various States and Territories, and of the Dominion of Canada, as to the rights of foreign corporations, or of non-residents and aliens to hold real estate, or real estate securities, within their borders.

They have, however, learned that the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and already recommended by your honorable body to the various District Synods (see English Minutes, 1879, p. 49, 1873, p. 50,) has ample power under its charter to act as Trustee for congregations not yet organized, and to protect and care for any enterprise coming legitimately within the sphere of the provisions of its charter, or where the parties for whom churches are erected, have no legal authority to make contracts. That this society can generally attend to all matters furthering the objects proposed in its charter and to aid in

providing buildings and grounds needed by Synods and congregations.

Your committee has also been advised that this society has already acted as Trustee of similar funds, notably the very large fund for the erection of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia.

Four members of the Board of Managers of this society are members of the legal fraternity, seven active laymen of the church in Philadelphia, and five of the pastors of Philadelphia churches, making up the board.

Your committee would recommend, that all loans hereafter made to churches or congregations by the Home Mission Boards of the General Council shall be secured by an obligation made to the Luth. Mission and Church Extension Society, in trust as may be designated in each particular case, leaving it to that society to see that the trust fund is properly secured, either by the appointment of a local Trustee and the entry of proper counter security by such local Trustee, or in such other manner as the society in each particular case, after an examination of the local laws, may approve.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Staake. Chairman.
W. Hauff.
C. W. Lantz.

If this recommendation is adopted, the clause in the report of the German Home Mission Committee shall read:

"All those moneys that are received for the erection of such churches shall constitute a church-building fund, which fund shall be held by the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, *in trust*, as may be designated by the donors, and shall be loaned to the various churches upon first mortgage, without interest, or upon such security as may be designated by the donors, without interest, for such a period of time as the Board may determine in each individual case. The security for each loan to be taken in the name of the Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society, in trust, as may be designated by the Board of German Home Missions."

The Committee on the Minutes of the Last Convention reported and the report was received as follows:

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of the last Convention would direct attention to the following items:

1. It was resolved that the committee on German Home Missions be authorized to give the Deaconness cause regularly a certain part of the monthly paper, "Siloah," as the organ of that cause, p. 30. Has this been done? If not, why not?

2. The President, together with the Vice-President, was instructed to issue a pastoral letter to Christian parents, p. 66. This, according to the President's report, has been done.

3. Church Fund and Church Extension, p.p. 62–63. A report has already been presented.

4. On pages 54–55 the Church Book Committee was authorized to publish the English Hymn Book and Ministerial Acts, as also the Catechism. The report of this committee has already been before you. We would, however, inquire whether the Ministerial Acts have been published in the German language also.

5. On p. 56 there is a series of resolutions on Sunday School work. Your committee presumes that the proper committee will present a report in reference to them.

6. The committee on printing By-Laws, Constitution, etc., was continued, p. 55. What progress has been made by this committee?

7. On p. 61 the English Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to the House of Bishops. Has this been done?

8. Your committee would again call attention to the report of the committee on statistics concerning parochial tables, etc., p. 65. Has anything been done in this matter?

9. Page 78. The setting apart of a children's day was urged upon all the Synods. Has this been done?

10. The committee on the Chicago Seminary (p. 80) was invested with certain powers. It is expected that said committee will report in due time to this body.

11. The Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss was appointed visitor to the General Synod, South, p. 83.

12. Your committee respectfully inquires whether the following standing committees are prepared to report, viz: (1) The Committee on Constitution for Congregations and District Synods; (2) on Relief Associations; (3) Women's Work; (4) on the Divine Laws of Marriage; (5) Whether the Archivarius has any statement to make.

13. Inasmuch as no report has as yet been presented by the Historical Society, your committee would respectfully inquire whether such report is to be considered identical with that of the Archivarius?

Respectfully submitted by your committee.

J. C. J. Peterssen.
B. W. Schmauk,
J. W. Myers.

To the first item of the above report a negative answer was returned, and to the second an affirmative. The third and fourth items had been already answered and acted upon. In reply to the fifth item the Committee on Sunday School Work offered a report through Rev. Fegley, which was adopted as follows:

Report of the Committee on Sunday School Work.

Your committee has the honor to report that the instructions received at the last Convention of the General Council have been faithfully carried out. The lessons then authorized were prepared for publication by members of the committee, aided as before, in special departments, by the Rev. W. Wackernagel, D.D., and the Rev. S. E. Ochenford, and were issued in the "Church Lesson Leaf" and "The Helper," Lutheran book store, Philadelphia, together with a supplemental leaf for the fifth Sundays of the months.

It gives the committee pleasure to state that the "Lesson Leaf" has been reduced in price to $7.50 per 100, and that "The Helper" has been increased to 32 pages without any corresponding increase in the subscription price.

Numerous requests have been made to have the Leaf issued in the form of a quarterly, while there are those again who prefer only two pages of the Leaf at a time. After consultation with the publisher, we are enabled to announce that

he is willing to issue the Leaf either as a quarterly or in its present shape, or both, with a preference for the quarterly; but that he must know, before making any changes, precisely what all subscribers want. The change to a quarterly could, however, not be made until Advent, 1892, as the Leaves for the first two months of the coming Church year are already in press, and it is desirable that the new shape, if adopted, should begin with the volume.

All efforts to secure the co-operation of other Lutheran bodies in selecting uniform lesson texts and subjects, have so far proved fruitless. In answer to the letter addressed by our Chairman to the President of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South, said Synod took the following action at its Convention in Wilmington, N. C., November 14th to 19th, 1889:

"*Resolved*, That in reply to the overture of the Sunday School Committee of the General Council, the Secretary be instructed to inform said committee that we do not deem it expedient to co-operate in this proposed work."

Your committee now asks to be authorized to prepare the lessons according to the schedule already submitted, from Advent 1891–93, and that the present arrangements for publication be continued.

J. F. Ohl,
H. N. Fegley.
M. H. Richards,
G. F. Spieker,
R. K. Buehrle.
R. A. Baer.
S. P. A. Lindahl,
F. A. Kahler.
G. W. Mechling.
W. K. Frick.

In reply to the sixth item of the report on the minutes of the last Convention, the committee on publishing the Constitution, By-Laws, etc., reported verbally, that both the German and the English copy had been completed. The committee was continued, and instructed to publish as soon as possible.

In response to item seven, the committee to correspond with the House of Bishops was discharged.

In reply to item eight there was no report from the Committee on Statistics. The committee was continued and instructed to prepare a summary from the statistical tables of the District Synods in a convenient form for insertion in the minutes of this Convention.

Item nine, referring to Children's Day, was answered affirmatively.

In regard to the tenth item, the President offered the following report on the Chicago Seminary, which was made the first order for to-morrow morning:

REPORT ON THE CHICAGO SEMINARY.

At the Convention held at Pittsburgh, in 1889, it was

Resolved, That the General Council reaffirm its resolution passed in Chicago in 1886, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the President and Treasurer of the General Council, with Dr. Passavant, appoint a Board of Directors to which the (Chicago) Seminary property shall be duly deeded, to be held in trust for the General Council.

"*Resolved*, That the Directors appointed be authorized to make such arrangements, working towards the opening of the Seminary, as may be made without any pecuniary responsibility on the part of the Council."

In compliance with this action of the General Council, the undersigned appointed the following gentlemen to constitute such a Board of Directors, viz:

Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D.,	Rev. G. H. Gerberding,
" W. K. Frick,	" C. Koerner,
Mr. Julius A. Bohm,	" H. W. Roth, D.D.,
" M. L. Deck,	" S. Wagenhals, D.D.,
" August Detzel,	" H. Merz,
Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr.	

As these gentlemen have accepted the appointment, this new Board of Directors will doubtless present a report to the General Council.

Respectfully submitted,

G. F. KROTEL,
President of the General Council
WM. H. STAAKE,
Treasurer of the General Council.
W. A. PASSAVANT, JR.

In answer to item eleven of the report on the minutes of the last Convention, Rev. Dr. Seiss stated that he had not been able to attend the meeting of the United Synod of the South, but had sent a letter which was acknowledged.

On item twelve there was no report from either the committee on Constitution for Congregations and District Synods, on Relief Associations, on the Divine Law of Marriage, or from the Archivarius; but the Committee on Woman's Work offered a report, which was received and from which the following recommendations were adopted:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee, charged with the duty of reporting to this body on Woman's Work, would respectfully submit the following:

Com. { D. M. KEMMERER. / EDMOND BELFOUR. / W. A. PASSAVANT, JR.

Resolved. 1. That the General Council earnestly commends the deaconess cause, and is grateful to God for the progress it is making; that our pastors be requested to preach upon the subject, explaining the nature and value of the work, with a view of securing probationers for our existing institutions in Philadelphia and Omaha.

2. That, as in the providence of God, a wide and effectual door has been opened for Zenana Work, inviting effort and giving encouragement to the labors of those who are concerned for the elevation and christianizing of heathen homes, we earnestly call upon the women of our churches to embrace the opportunity presented of bearing the precious Gospel to those who can be reached only through their instrumentality.

3. That, in view of the enlarged demands made upon the churches for the Home and Foreign Fields, it is recommended that Mission Societies be established in all our congregations, wherever practicable, as a means of fostering a fervent missionary zeal, through the collection of mission intelligence, of quickening personal responsibility in regard to

nission work, and of securing more general contributions to he treasuries of our various boards.

4. That we further recommend the organization of these ocal societies, within the bounds of a conference, into one entral body.

5. That these conference organizations shall unite in orming a general body, composed of delegates from the con- erence societies, in such ratio as may be determined.

6. That the Constitutions of the local societies be sub- nitted to the councils of the respective congregations for ap- roval, and those of the conference societies to the respec- ive conferences, and that of the general body to the General Council.

4. That specific work undertaken by the general body hall be with the approval and under the direction of the roper committee or board of the General Council.

It was also resolved that the congregations or confer- nces may organize Women's Associations on the basis of anguage.

Rev. Kuntzman was excused from further attendance pon this Convention.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Spieker.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 20th, 9 A. M.

The opening services were conducted by Rev. E. Smith, nd the minutes were read and approved.

The consideration of the Report on the Minutes of the Last Convention was resumed; and the report was adopted s a whole.

The Immigrant Mission Committee offered a report, which was received, as follows:

REPORT OF IMMIGRANT MISSION.

To the Venerable the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America.

Your committee begs leave to submit to the venerable General Council the following reports:

1. Of the Emigrant Missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeier.
2. Of the Treasurer for two years from July 1st, 1889, to July 1st, 1891.
3. Of the Wards Island Missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt.
4. Of the Treasurer for two years from July 1st, 1889, to July 1st, 1891.

Regarding the Swedish Mission your committee requests to be relieved of the responsibility to provide for part of the salary of the Swedish missionary, (hitherto contributed at the rate of $400 per annum) unless a missionary be appointed who would be entirely under the control of your committee.

According to the previous arrangement there are due *two hundred dollars* ($200) to the Swedish missionary, the Rev. A. B. Lilja, for salary from January 1st, 1891, to July 1st, 1891, for the payment of which the committee have no funds. The Emigrant House Association, however, has made provision to pay this amount.

During the last two years the following vacancies by resignation have occurred in the committee:

1. Rev. J. C. J. Petersen, replaced by the election of *Rev. D. W. Peterson*, of the New York Ministerium.
2. Rev. C. E. Lindberg, of the Swedish Augustana Synod, replaced by the Rev. H. Stolpe, of the same Synod, who *did not accept* the election.
3. Mr. R. I. Mannheim, replaced by the election of *Mr. Chas. D. Boschen*, of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, New York, of the New York Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. H. BADEN, *President.*
W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treas.*
W. HAUFF, *Secretary.*
L. F. J. ANGER,
CHAS. D. BOSCHEN,
CHARLES PETERSON.
REV. GEO. C. F. HAAS.
REV. D. W. PETERSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE IMMIGRANT MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL FROM JULY 1, 1889. TO JULY 1. 1890.

1889.				
July 1.	To balance in mission act....	$ 56 68		
	" poor fund act...	199 75	$	256 43
	Receipts for Mission Account.			
	Donations from Synods, Congregations, Sun. schools, Ladies' societies and individuals as published in the church papers.....	$ 862 30		
	Collected by Rev. A. B. Lilja	75 00	$	937 30
	Receipts for Poor Fund Account.			
	Donations as above published		$	444 02
	Sum total.....		$	1.637 75
	Disbursements for Mission Account.			
	Salary to missionary, Rev. W. Berkemeir.....	$ 600 00		
	Salary to missionary. Rev. A. B. Lilja.....	400 00	$	1.000 00
	Disbursements for Poor Fund Account.			
	87 cases assistance to poor immigrants in cash and to continue their journeys....	$ 280 18		
	1.472 meals furnished to immigrants out of work.....	147 20		
	4.525 coffee tickets to immigrants out of work.....	45 25	$	472 63
	Total disbursements.....		$	1,472 63
1890.				
July 1.	To balance in poor fund act.	$ 171 14		
	Deduct—Short in mission act.	6 02	$	165 12
	Sum total.....		$	1.637 75

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1st. 1890.

Examined and found correct, July 9th, 1890.

Com. { W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER.

TREASTRER'S REPORT FROM JULY 1. 1890, TO JULY 1. 1891.

1890.				
July 1.	To balance in poor fund act..	$ 171 14		
	Deduct—Short in mission act	6 02	$	165 12
	Receipts for Mission Account.			
	Donations from Synods, congregations, Sun. Schools. Ladies' societies and individuals as published in the church papers.....	$ 760 82		
	Collected by Rev. A. B. Lilja	80 00	$	840 82
	Receipts for Poor Fund Account.			
	Donations as above published		$	564 48
	Sum total.....		$	1.570 42
	Disbursements for Mission Account.			
	Salary to Rev. W. Berkemeier, missionary.....	$ 600 00		
	Salary on account. Rev. A. B. Lilja.....	200 00		
	Travelling expenses Rev. A. B. Lilja.....	16 00	$	816 00
	Disbursements for Poor Fund Account.			
	131 casses assistance to poor immigrants in cash and to continue their journeys....	$ 362 51		
	125 means to immigrants.....	12 50		
	2,000 coffee tickets do	20 00	$	395 01
	Total disbursements.....		$	1.211 01
1891.				
July 1.	To balance for mission acct...	$ 18 80		
	" for poor fund acct	340 61	$	359 41
	Sum total.....		$	1.570 42

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER. *Treasurer.*

New York. July 1st. 1891.

Examined and found correct, July 8th, 1891.

Com. { W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER.

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE WARDS ISLAND MISSION COMMITTEE OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GENERAL COUNCIL JULY 1, 1889, TO JULY 1, 1890.

1889.			
July 1.	To balance.....		$ 16 50
	Receipts.		
	Donations from Synods, congregations, Sun. schools, Ladies' societies and individuals as published in the church papers.....		$ 468 50
			$ 485 00
	Disbursements.		
	Salary to missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, one year.....$	480 00	
	Special gift for Christmas celebration at Wards Island	5 00	$ 485 00

Account balanced.

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER. *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1st, 1890.

Examined and found correct, July 9th, 1890.

Com. { W. HAUFF,
L. F. J. ANGER.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM JULY 1, 1890, TO JULY 1, 1891.

1890.

July 1. Cash account balanced.

Receipts.

Donations from Synods, congregations, Sun. schools, Ladies' societies and individuals as published in the church papers.....		$ 450 15

Disbursements.

Salary to missionary, Rev. L. H. Gerndt, one year.....$	420 00	
Special donation for him....	5 00	
Travelling expenses to the various hospitals visiting sick immigrants.....	21 70	$ 446 70
1891.		
July 1. To balance in treasury.....		$ 3 45

W. A. SCHMITTHENNER, *Treasurer.*

New York, July 1st, 1891.

Examined and found correct. July 8th, 1891.

Com. { W. HAUFF. / L. F. J. ANGER.

The emigrant missionary at Castle Garden and missionary at Wards Island also offered reports, which were read and received; but it was ordered that the Secretaries publish only an abstract of the same, as here follows:

Abstract from the Report of the Emigrant Missionary at Castle Garden—Rev. W. Berkemeier.

The followidg statistics will afford an insight into the character and magnitude of our work. According to our carefully kept register 24,533 guests were entertained at our Lutheran emigrant house during the past two years, from April, 1889, to April, 1891.

During the same period 9,377 communications (letters, cards, etc.,) were received and answered. The German Lutheran Emigrant House, No. 26 State street, convenient

to the barge office, the new landing place, is the real centre of our mission, and with its excellent appointment for both spiritual and temporal ministrations, has proved a boon to the thousands who throng the place.

The majority of immigrants, with whom we have direct dealings, have been recommended to us by their pastors in Germany or missionaries at European ports. In many cases we have corresponded with those intending to come over, furnishing them with the necessary council and advice, and even tickets. We also give the needed directions and advice to the friends and families of such persons already in this country. We receive the immigrants on their arrival, conduct them to our house, protect them against imposition and aid them in reaching their destination. In many cases services are rendered gratuitously. In 5,054 cases, in the last two years, no payment was asked for board; and in 218 cases monies were given, to the amount of $642.69, to enable immigrants to reach their destination.

The financial condition of the institution has developed very favorably, the debt having been entirely cleared, and it is now better prepared than ever before to meet the demands made upon it in the work of mercy. All who avail themselves of the advantages of this Christian refuge for the stranger, receive the personal ministrations of the missionary and both their bodies and their souls are tenderly cared for. Here every effort is made to make such gracious impressions upon the immigrants as may lead them to be faithful to God and His Church in their new homes. A list of all the Lutheran pastors in the United States, with their addresses, is furnished them, and they are well supplied with Christian tracts, prayer books, Bibles, etc. God only knows perfectly the many precious fruits that have already grown out of this blessed missionary work.

The hearty co-operation of the Lutheran mission agencies at the various European ports (as Bremen, Hamburg, Stettin, Amsterdam, Rotterdam) has been of special value to the emigrant missionary.

Our Emigrant Mission (the report concludes) is favorably known by the hundreds and thousands who have come in contact with the same, either directly or indirectly, in this

and the old country. It stands as a light-house, diffusing light and salvation to thousands who take refuge within our gates.

May God give us faith and fidelity for the continuance of the work; and to his name be all the praise and glory.

W. BERKEMEIER, *Missionary.*

New York, October 12th, 1891.

Abstract of the Report of the Immigrant Chaplain on Wards Island—Rev. L. H. Gerndt.

The chaplain continued his accustomed work on Wards Island until April 19th, 1890, when the institutions connected with Wards Island were closed and the insane, sick and paupers were removed to other institutions at different places. On account of the excessive travelling expenses, which would have been involved in following all the removed to the various places in which they were cared for, the chaplain could visit regularly only the Marine and College hospital, extending his ministrations to a number of municipal institutions.

Ellis Island has been set apart by Congress as the permanent place of landing immigrants; and the Immigrant Committee has, through a sub-committee, been confering with the Superintendent of Immigration in regard to the appointment of a Protestant chaplain for that place.

The first Protestant chaplain on Wards Island, representing the Lutheran Church, was Rev. G. A. Schmidt; and the first baptism recorded by him was on February 6th, 1871. Rev. Gerndt became his successor September 28th, 1875.

From 1874 to 1890 4,000 persons were buried on Wards Island; and at one time the chaplain buried 142 persons within ten weeks. For some years the Immigrant Mission Committee has provided for the salary of the chaplain. He was permitted to continue his residence on Wards Island until November 1st, 1891.

The chaplain concludes his report with the words: "Wards Island, as well as Castle Garden, would afford interesting historical material. May God in mercy watch over

his work in future, and endow those called to labor in it with the necessary measure of wisdom! May He bless His servants! For what are we without His mercy?

"What I have lived, O, Lord forgive:
In mercy guide what I have yet to live." Amen.

L. H. GERNDT.

Wards Island, N. Y., October 1st, 1891.

It was resolved that hereafter the missionaries shall report only to the Boards appointed by this body, and that the Boards alone shall offer reports to the General Council.

Rev. Volkenberg was excused from further attendance.

The Directors of the Chicago Seminary submitted the following report, which was received for consideration:

The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago.

The report of the committee to designate the Board of Directors of this institution has already been received and adopted by the Council. In accordance with such designation the necessary legal steps were taken to obtain an incorporation, and on the 29th of July, 1891, the Secretary of the State of Illinois notified the committee that the charter submitted to him had been granted. The law requiring the record of the same, in the place of business, was at once complied with, and the legal incorporation of the Seminary was completed.

The following is the instrument of incorporation, as provided by the laws of Illinois, relating to the Title, Object and Officers of the Institution:

1. The Title of this Association shall be: "The Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Chicago, Illinois."

2. The Object of this Association shall be to train men of a pure faith, of a holy life, and of the requisite natural gifts and education, so that by all necessary learning and practical skill, they may be fitted for the Ministry of the Gospel, especially in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

3. The Board of Directors of this Association shall consist of eleven persons, whose election shall be subject to the

approval of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, and who shall be subject to removal by the same body, and, for the calendar year beginning with September 1st, 1891, shall consist of the following persons: Rev. William A. Passavant, Sr., (President); Rev. C. Koerner, (Secretary); Rev. H. W. Roth, (Treasurer); Julius A. Boher, Rev. W. K. Frick, Rev. G. H. Geberding, M. L. Diek, Rev. S. Wagenhals, August J. Detzer, Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Rev. Henry Merz,—the same being the first year of its existence. The 30th of September, 1891, was appointed as the time and the Mission Chapel on Addison street, Lake View, Chicago, Ill., as the place for the organization of the Board of Directors, and the transaction of the business looking to the opening of the Seminary. At this meeting all the members were present with the exception of two, who were unavoidably absent. After reading the Divine Word and invoking the blessing of God upon their undertaking, the object of the meeting was stated by the Chair, together with the different preparatory steps which had been taken, in accordance with the previous action of the General Council in the matter. The charter was first of all read and, after a careful consideration, was unanimously adopted. The President, Secretary and Treasurer, designated in the charter, were elected the officers of the Board of Directors for the first year.

After a detailed statement of the origin, progress and history of this institution from the beginning, the President placed in the hands of the board a carefully prepared legal paper transferring to the Seminary the property which had been tendered to the General Council, under certain conditions twenty-one years before, but which, by reason of an error in the title of the Council, was not a legal transfer, and reverted by a decision in chancery to the original donor. This gift has been accompanied by vouchers for all taxes and special assessments on the property for improving and paving streets and sidewalks, together with sewers, water-mains, gas pipes and interests from time to time on the same. The receipts were likewise submitted from donations and interests on the same to October 1st, 1891, together with proceeds of land sold, rebates on assessments, and the sale of five lots on Clark street, which had been cut off from

the Seminary property by the Chicago and Evanston railroad, and could not be otherwise utilized for its benefit.

Committees were duly appointed at the request of the Chair to audit these accounts, together with a legacy of Mr. Jacob Stallman, of West Newton, Pa., to W. A. Passavant for theological education in the Lutheran Church, the principal part of which had been transferred to the Seminary. At a subsequent meeting these accounts were reported as having been found correct in every particular, aud were committed to the Treasurer, with instructions to be carefully recorded in the books of the institution.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted, in which the Divine goodness was properly recognized in crowning the work of His servants with His blessing, so as to make the donations which had been received possible.

A seal for the Seminary was ordered to be procured and a committee appointed to select a suitable device for the same. The necessity of a residence for the first professor being pressing, the plans and specifications which had been previously prepared were adopted, and a Building Committee was appointed to contract for its erection at the earliest possible day. The determination to avoid all debt manifested itself in the instructions to the committee not to exceed a certain sum.

The necessity of commencing the instructions of the Seminary rendering it necessary to designate certain persons for the important position of instructors, the Rev. Dr. R. F. Weidner was nominated Professor of Didactic Theology and Greek and Hebrew Exegesis, and the Rev. Dr. H. W. Roth as Professor of Practical Theology and Church History. In case these nominations are confirmed by the General Council at this Convention, their installment as regular professors will take place at an early day.

An Executive Committee, consisting of the President of the Board, the Secretary and the two Professors, was appointed, whose duties for this year, in the interim between the meetings of the Board, are to provide for the current expenses of the institution and its internal management, to arrange for additional teaching force, if it be found necessary, to devise ways and means for securing funds for endowment, buildings and additional grounds for the institution, and to

procure money, books and pamphlets for a Theological Library.

Finally a committee was appointed to prepare a draft of a Constitution, consisting of the President of the Board, the remaining officers and Rev. Dr. Weidner, and to report the same at the next session. The understanding is that this shall be submitted to the General Council for its examination and approval.

It may not be amiss in this connection to state that, on the first of October, the public exercises connected with the opening of the Seminary were held in the Mission Chapel on Addison street. In addition to the devotional services, addresses were made by the Revs. Drs. Weidner and Roth, the Rev. G. H. Gerberding and the President of the Board, in which the origin and history of the institution, its future plan of studies and its absolute necessity, in order to meet the wants of the Church in the West, were clearly and ably stated. The occasion was one of special interest and will always be looked back to as the beginning of a new era of Theological activity and progress in the history of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in the New World.

W. A. PASSAVANT.
President of the Board of Directors.

Pending a resolution to refer the whole subject of the above report to a committee to report at the next Convention, the Council adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Steinhaeuser.

NINHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 20th, 2:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. C. J. Petersen. The minutes were read and approved.

The committee to nominate a Church Book Committee reported the following:

The committee appointed to nominate a Church Book Committee respectfully report, that they have deemed it ad-

visable to reduce the number of members from sixteen to thirteen, and nominate the following to constitute the committee, the latter three being new members:

Rev. Dr. C. W. Schaeffer,
" A. Spaeth,
" G. F. Krotel.
" J. A. Seiss,
" J. Kohler.
" S. Laird,
" H. E. Jacobs.
Rev. Dr. W. Wackernagel,
" F. F. Buermeyer,
" J. F. Ohl,
" Dr. G. F. Spieker,
" W. A. Passavant, Jr.,
" G. F. C. Haas,

Respectfully submitted.

J. Fry.
D. H. Geissinger.
J. Steinhaeuser.
W. Ashmead Schaeffer.
G. A. Trabert.

The report was adopted, and the persons nominated elected.

The President appointed the following Editorial Committee:

English.
Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss,
" H. E. Jacobs.
" S. Laird.

German.
Rev. Dr. A. Spaeth,
" Wm. Wackernagel.
" G. F. C. Haas.

The Committee on the President's Report offered the following, which was adopted:

Report of the Committee on the Report of the President.

Your committee respectfully offer the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the action of the officers of the General Council with reference to the selection of the place for this meeting, and of the President, the preparation and sending out of the appeal to Christian parents to devote their sons to the ministry, the appointment of Mr. James N. Mohr a member of the Committee on Publication, and the correspondence with the Rev. S. P. A. Lindahl, is hereby approved by the General Council.

2. *Resolved*, That we have learned with sincere pleasure of the bequest of Mrs. Mary A. Ratzel to the Foreign Mis-

sion Fund, and hereby call the attention of our people to the propriety of making distribution of their means in aid of the home and foreign mission and educational work of the Church and to our institutions of mercy.

3. *Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to the committee of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (South) the assurance of the readiness of the General Council to co-operate in every way possible in "putting an end to war."

4. *Resolved*, That we are glad to know that the Church Book has been completed, and is ready for use in our congregations, and our prayer is that the use of the Common Service shall be both a bond of union among our people and an aid to intelligent and devout worship of Almighty God.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. KUNKELMAN.
J. FRY.
S. P. A. LINDAHL.
G. C. BERKEMEIER.

The President appointed the Committee on Nominations as follows:

Rev. Dr. E. Belfour,
" M. C. Horine.
" J. F. Beates.
" S. P. A. Lindahl.
Rev. M. S. Waters,
John Lewin, M.D.,
J. P. Wagner.

The President also offered the Report of the Trustees of the Council, which was received and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The following items have claimed the attention of the Trustees since the last Convention of the General Council:

I.—BEQUESTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the meeting held May 1st, 1890, the will of Mary Ann Ratzel, of Philadelphia, was read, in which, after providing for a few legacies, the following bequest is found, viz:

"All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate I give, devise and bequeath to the Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, their successors and assigns, in trust, to invest and keep the same invested, not

being limited to legal investments, the income only therefrom to be appropriated to such of the foreign missionary operations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, as the said Trustees may deem proper."

According to the terms of the will of Mrs. Ratzel, the Trustees of the Council were required to authorize the Executor to sell her real estate and to execute good and sufficient deeds of conveyance therefor, in fee simple, to the purchasers thereof, free and discharged of all trusts, without liability on the part of the said purchasers, to see to the application of the purchase money. This authority was accordingly given, and the President and Secretary were instructed to execute such instrument or instruments of writing as might be necessary in the case.

In view of this bequest, which is the first one the Council has received, the following resolutions were passed, in order to properly guard the fund coming into our hands, so that it might be safely kept for the beneficent use for which it was given:

Resolved. I. "That on the receipt of the assets coming from this estate, the Treasurer be authorized to invest them in such securities as are lawful for trust investments, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

II. "That the principal sum thereof be kept intact, and that the income derived therefrom be paid over by the Treasurer to the General Fund of the Foreign Mission Committee of the General Council."

III. "That the Treasurer be required to give a bond to the corporation in the sum of three thousand dollars, conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his office as Treasurer."

IV. "That the President of the Trustees be Custodian of the Bond of the Treasurer."

V. "That all securities be taken in the name of the Corporate Title of the General Council."

The Executor of the estate of Mary A. Ratzel, deceased, has lately paid to the Treasurer of the General Council:

1. Bond of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, secured upon Seminary property, at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia	$ 500 00
2. Cash	1,635 00
	$2.135 00

This will be invested, with the accruing interest, in good real estate security, in accordance with the resolution of the Trustees and the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

II.—THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

In the year 1886 in accordance with instructions given by the Council, the Trustees effected an arrangement by which the publication of the various books of the Council should come under its direct control and management. According to the terms then made, the several firms publishing the books were to continue their publication of them until July 1st, 1891. These books are:

1. The German Sunday School Book with music.
2. The German Sunday School Book without music.
3. The English Sunday School Book with music.
4. The English Sunday School Book without music.
5. The Catechism with Proof Texts.

In order to arrange for their transfer to the General Council, the Trustees and the Publication Committee held a joint meeting May 8th, 1891, at which it was agreed:

1. That the management and making of contracts for the further publication of the above named books be taken in charge by the Publication Committee of the General Council on and after July 1st. 1891.

2. That the Trustees issue an order, signed by the President and Secretary, to the Chairman of the Publication Committee, transfering to the Publication Committee the control, use and safe keeping of the stereotype plates of these books.

3. That the Publication Committee be empowered to settle all accounts and questions on contracts between the General Council and the publishers of these books.

4. That the President of the Trustees notify the publishers of this action.

III.—THE ENGLISH CHURCH BOOK.

At the same joint-meeting of the Trustees and Publication Committee it was also agreed in reference to the English Church Book:

1. That the Church Book Committee be instructed to take out a copy-right for the New Church Book, in the name of the "Trustees of the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America."

2. That the same committee be instructed to place the plates of the New Church Book, as soon as completed, in in the hands of the Publication Committee of the General Council for the publication of the book.

3. That the Ministerium of Pennsylvania be requested to make final settlement of accounts of the publication and sales of the Church Book, and to transfer all moneys, agreements, plates and stock on hand, relating to the publication of said book, to the Publication Committee of the General Council.

This resolution was submitted to the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, at its convention held at Pottstown in May last, and the Ministerium complied with the request contained therein, and instructed its Trustees to make the transfer.

TRUSTEES TO BE ELECTED.

Owing to the fact that the Council has not met for two years, there are six Trustees to be elected at this convention: three to serve for two years, in place of W. H. Staake, Esq., Mr. Henry Lehman and Mr. A. Bendel, and three to serve

for the three years in place of Rev. Dr. Seiss, Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer and Mr. J. C. File.

By authority of the Trustees,

G. F. KROTEL, *President.*
SAMUEL LAIRD, *Secretary.*
HENRY LEHMAN.

Buffalo, N. Y., October 16th, 1891.

Revs. Ziegenfuss and Trabert and Dr. Lewin were appointed tellers to conduct the election of Trustees; and W. H. Staake, Esq., Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., and Hon. J. A. Geissenhainer were elected for three years, and C. H. Shaeffer, Esq., Mr. A. Bendel and Mr. Henry Lehman for two years.

In view of the fact that some of the District Synods had not sent in their minutes, the Committee on Minutes of District Synods was given permission to send in their report to the Secretaries after the adjournment of the Council.

The consideration of the report of the Directors of the Chicago Seminary was resumed; and the whole subject matter of said report was referred to a committee composed of seven persons, with the President of the Council as Chairman, to report to the next convention. The committee consists of Revs. Dr. G. F. Krotel, G. W. Mechling, E. Belfour, A. Richter, and Messrs. G. H. Moller, W. H. Staake, Esq., and Thomas H. Lane.

The Report of the Committee on English Home Missions was submitted by the Secretary, W. A. Passavant, Jr., and received as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee in presenting this report of two years work, desires, first of all, to acknowledge the goodness of God in preserving the lives of its members, sustaining the hands of its missionaries, and for so largely increasing the interest of the Church in the English missionary operations of the General Council. Thine, O Lord, is the Kingdom, from Thee is the power, to Thee we ascribe the glory.

This committee, intrusted with all the English mission work of the General Council outside of the boundaries of the district synods and such other mission points as have been specially referred to it by synods within their own territory, has continued its headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. The former officers were re-elected, viz: Rev. Jos. A. Seiss, L. D., Philadelphia, President; Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Philadelphia, Secretary; Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa General Superintendent, and Henry Beates, Esq., No. 509 Market street, Philadelphia, Treasurer. Quarterly meetings have been regularly held, and special meetings at the call of the President.

In presenting a resume of the operations of the committee, we divide it for convenience into three departments.

I.—THE OLDER MISSIONS.

These were continued with good results. They were Grace Church, Newark, N. J.; St. Stephens', Toledo, O.; Holy Trinity, Cleveland, O.; First English, Decatur, Ill.; Memorial and Trinity, St. Paul, St. John's, Minneapolis, St. Paul's, Red Wing, Minn.; and St. Mark's, Fargo, N. Dak. It is gratifying to be able to report that on July 1st, 1890, Memorial Mission, at St. Paul, Minnesota, at its own request, and with sincere thanks to the committee for its timely help, was dismissed from the funds and became a self-sustaining congregation. On June 1st, of the present year, St. John's, Minneapolis, Minnesota, also decided to relieve the committee of its support, and thankfully determined to be hereafter independent. The church at Decatur, Illinois, has finished its long delayed building and now has a handsome edifice, estimated with the lot to be worth $25,000, whilst St. Mark's,

at Fargo, N. Dakota, rejoices in a neat church and parsonage, costing $7,000, entirely free of debt. The church at Red Wing, Minnesota, now has a comfortable chapel, and Grace Mission, at Newark, N. J., after a trying vacancy of eight months, is now making substantial progress. The missions, at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, are rapidly advancing toward a condition of self-support.

The sum of nineteen hundred and fifty dollars is saved to the committee by the decrease in the number of and the steady cutting down of the appropriations to the older missions.

II.—THE NEW WORK.

This embraces places occupied two years ago, but at which no English mission organization had as yet been effected, and the later enterprises of the committee, both in regular mission and special work.

To the first belongs the Church of the Redeemer, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, which was organized in January, 1890, with twenty-two members. It has since bought a lot and erected a commodious chapel on 16th street, near Grand avenue, and though weak is making its influence felt throughout that German and largely Lutheran city. Salem church, West Minneapolis, though organized, has been barely kept alive through a long vacancy by the efforts of Rev. Trabert and the kindly offices of the English professors of Gustavus Adolphus College, at St. Peter, Minnesota, who supplied it with services at regular intervals. Rev. R. L. Leatherman, of the last graduating class of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, was called and took charge of Salem July 15th, and the outlook is now most promising.

The committee, though deeply impressed with the strategical importance of Duluth, Minnesota, could secure no one to begin the work there until in July, 1890, Rev. H. L. McMurray, of Lewisburg, Ohio, accepted a call. The once organized Trinity Mission was so completely scattered that it was thought best to reorganize the material at hand. This was done on October 20th, 1890, with twenty-six members, under the name of St. John's. Last spring a lot was purchased and the congregation is now engaged in building a church, which is already under roof. This energetic work we trust

ain for our Church the position it lost by nearly three
enforced neglect of this important field.

the new points on the West Coast which had just
cupied when this Body last met, in 1889, we are able
nt cheering reports. A new congregation of nine-
mbers was organized under the name of St. James,
and, Oregon, in February, 1890. In September of
e year a valuable lot was secured, and the congrega-
now engaged in erecting a convenient brick chapel,
; designed to be a portion of the projected church.
wth has been steady and solid, and St. James Church
s to be a power in that commercial center, which has
nt annexation become a city of 60,000 people.

Seattle, Washington, Holy Trinity came into being
rmation Day, 1889, with twenty-three members. It
od Sunday school, has begun a second one at Wash-
Heights, and on the church lot, purchased in October
ear, has refitted a comfortable building for church
s.

he neighboring city of Tacoma the committee had
vain for eighteen months to locate a missionary. At
. E. G. Lund, of Greensberg, Pa., accepted a call
ched Tacoma, February 15th, 1891, but after six
of excellent work, during which, on June 7th, the
nglish Lutheran Church was organized with twenty-
mbers, he was called to a theological professorship
burg Seminary, Minneapolis, and for reasons satis-
to the committee was released August 15th to accept
sition. Since then two calls have been given and
, and that point is still vacant, though supplied by
F. Keever from Seattle.

needy field in Salt Lake City, Utah, upon which the
ee decided to begin work at once, waited until Sep-
1890, when Rev. P. Doerr, of Warren, Pa., in answer
began operations in the once Mormon capital. He
e successful and on the 9th of November, 1890, Holy
English Lutheran church was organized in the
Lutheran church and the first communion was par-
in by thirty-seven members. The work was pros-
vith vigor and promised very satisfactory results.

but for reasons deemed sufficient by the missionary the charge was resigned June 15th, since which time it has been vacant. After two failures to supply the place the committee is able to report that Rev. Jas. F. Beates, of Toledo, Ohio, has accepted the call and will (D. v.) be in Utah by Advent Sunday. They feel no doubt of the necessity of firmly planting the English Lutheran church in Utah, both on account of its central position in mid-continent, and because the Mormon church and the recently rapidly growing emigration has brought much Lutheran material into the Territory.

Among the places that have for years been under consideration by the committee is Boston, Massachusetts, a city of 448,000 inhabitants, and the intellectual and commercial center of New England. Hither a large Scandinavian and German emigration has lately been directed, and as the city has become the home of a number of Lutherans from Nova Scotia, Canada, as well as of members of our eastern congregations, the establishment of an English Lutheran church seemed to be a necessity. Accordingly the Rev. Henry Reck, a recent graduate of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary, was called in June last to this important point, and on July 15th arrived and began the work of establishing a mission in Boston. The first public service was held on September 6th, and the outlook is reported encouraging.

Of the regular mission work the main facts will be found in the following:

TABULATED SUMMARY.

1.	Boston, Mass.,	not organized	Rev. H. Reck	Took charge July 15, 1891.
2.	Cleveland, Ohio,	Holy Trinity	" C. S. Kohler	
3.	Decatur, Ill.,	First English	" M. L. Wagner	Completed, ch. ded. July 5, 1891.
4.	Duluth. Minn.,	St. John's	" H. L. McMurray	Org. Oct. 20. '90, ch. now build'g.
5.	Fargo, N. Dak.,	St. Mark's	" G. H. Gerberding	Paid off debt Oct. 1, 1891.
6.	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Ch. of the Redeemer	" W. K. Frick	Org. Jan. '90, ch. ded. Dec. 14, '90.
7.	Minneapolis. Minn.	St. John's	" G. H. Trabert	Self-sustaining June 1, 1891.
8.	" "	Salem	" R. L. Leatherman	Took charge July 15, 1891.
9.	Newark. N. J.,	Grace Church	" G. C. Gardner	Took charge, January 23, 1891.
10.	Portland, Oregon,	St. James	" M. L. Zweizig	Org. Feb. '90, ch. now building.
11.	Red Wing, Minn.,	St. Paul's	" C. B. Lintwed	Bought lot Nov. '90, ch. now bldg.
12.	Seattle, Wash.,	Holy Trinity	" Ed. F. Keever	Moved into chapel October. 1891.
13.	St. Paul, Minn.,	Memorial	" A. J. D. Haupt	Self-sustaining July 1, 1890.
14.	Salt Lake City. Ut.	Holy Trinity	" P. Doerr	Took charge Sept. 1, '90, organized Nov., '90, resig. June, 1891.
15.	Toledo. Ohio.	St. Stephen's	" Jas. F. Beates	
16.	Tacoma. Wash.	Zion's English	" E. G. Lund	Took charge Feb., '91, organized June 7. '91, resig. Aug. 15, 1891.
17.	W. St. Paul. Minn.	Holy Trinity	" W. L. Smith	

Whole number of missions aided	17
No. of organized mission churches October 1, 1889	9
No. organized since last report	7
No. new churches built or building	5
No. church lots secured	6
No. enrolled members in churches	1,051
No. infant baptisms	264
No. additions by confirmation and certificate	686
No. losses by death and removal	168
No. net gain over all losses	518
No. Sunday schools	22
No. scholars enrolled	1,755
No. scholars in average attendance	1.252
No. pastoral and missionary visits	9,278
Estimated value of church property	$184,700 00
Indebtedness, chiefly for church lots	71,005 00
Contributions for local expenses, etc	22.901 00
Contributions for education, missions and mercy	1,039 00

A new departure was tried by the committee during the summer of 1890 in employing a number of the students of the Philadelphia Theological Seminary for Sunday school mission work. In this way, at an outlay of a sum covering only actual expenses, the students obtained valuable experience, preliminary work was done at points where it is the purpose to establish future missions, and a number of English Lutheran Sunday schools were begun which, with one exception, have been continued up to the present without expense to the committee. The students were: Steimele (supply), Newark, N. J.; Reck, Rockford, Ill.; Bond, Toledo, Ohio; Murphy, Madison and Stoughton, Wis.; Hoffman, Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, Minn.; Grahn, N. Minneapolis, Minn.; and Gebert, N. Dakota. The cost was about $800. Three of these gentlemen have since taken charge of important missions. Sunday school supplies were kindly furnished free for three months to the new schools by G. W. Frederick, publisher of the *Helper* and *Church Lesson Leaf*.

By the generous aid of the Mission Leagues of the Pittsburg Synod the committee were able to employ Rev. G. H. Gerberding for six months of last year, his parish being supplied, for a thorough exploration of the Red River Valley in

North Dakota in the interest of the English work. He was everywhere cordially received and invited to preach in the numerous Scandinavian Lutheran churches of that region. Besides the establishing of English Sunday schools at several points, a wide-spread interest was awakened among the pastors and congregations of our foreign churches in the spiritual welfare of their fast anglicizing young people.

In order intelligently to locate and develop new missions in the strategic centers of the vast Northwest mission field, it was found necessary to send a representative of the committee to examine that territory. The Superintendent accordingly made two trips. In the fall of 1889 he went as far west as Helena, Montana, and Salt Lake City, Utah, visiting in turn all the existing missions and securing a church lot in Salt Lake City for a future Lutheran church. In 1890 a trip was made extending to the Pacific coast, at which time lots were selected, and afterwards secured, at Duluth, Portland and Seattle. The cities of Monroe and Detroit, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, Helena, Great Falls and Butte City, Montana, Spokane Falls, Walla Walla, Tacoma, Olympia and Fair Haven, Washington, and Salem and Astoria, Oregon, were carefully examined with reference to future English mission work. The committee has detailed written reports of these missionary journeys which aggregated over eighteen thousand miles.

III.—THE EDUCATIONAL WORK.

This has been undertaken in two ways: by bringing the English home mission interests directly to the attention of congregations, conferences and synods, and by a liberal use of the press. All the district synods of the General Council, except the Canada and Texas Synods, have been addressed by representatives of the committee, as well as a number of the conferences of the synods. Only about a score of the larger congregations have had the work presented to them by a member of the committee, though it is the purpose to visit churches and charges more systematically in the future.

In this connection it is gratifying to note a series of resolutions in the last minutes of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, p. 78, in which the work of the committee is heartily indorsed, pastors are commended to give opportunities to its

representatives to present the cause to their people, and conferences are charged with the duty of arranging mission festivals at which this general mission work is to be given special prominence.

The committee has not been sparing of ink. In the church papers one hundred and thirty-six columns of matter has appeared, especially written to supply news of the English work and striking facts regarding our great mission field and its wants. There has also been issued a series of five "Bulletins," aggregating 30,000 copies, which have been sent to pastors free on demand, for disseminating missionary intelligence among the people. They bore the following titles: No. 1. "Fresh News from the Field." No. 2. "Our Church Extension Fund, a Plain Statement of the Case." No. 3. "How the Work Goes on." No. 4. "Our Mission Work in the West." No. 5. "A Statement and an Earnest Plea for Help." It is the intention to continue to issue these bulletins, and we desire every pastor to know that they are sent free of cost and are intended for general circulation. The committee depends largely on the co-operation of pastors in its efforts to spread intelligent views of home mission work among the people. In addition to the above, 10,000 circulars and leaflets were sent out.

The committee has made ample provision for "Children's General Council Mission Day" which has become so powerful an agency in educating the young of the church in an intelligent appreciation of their privileges and duties as helpers in extending the Kingdom of Christ. Although not more than half of the English Sunday schools of the General Council have as yet learned its benefits by an attempt to keep "Children's Day" (the Sunday nearest the 31st of October), sixty-five thousand specially prepared programs and fifty-one thousand collection envelopes have been called for and used. The results so far as the gathering of money is concerned will be shown in the Treasurer's report. These programs and envelopes are also supplied to Sunday schools free.

In these ways the great field for English missions, the difficulties that beset the working of it, and the incessant need of men and money have been forced, as it were, upon the attention of the church.

THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCES.

The biennium which is embraced within the scope of this report could not be called prosperous years. There have been limited if not total failures of harvests in many sections. Business has been dull, and a financial panic was barely averted last year. Church work, like other interests, has felt the pressure. And yet the missions have been sustained, some new places have been occupied, and while the number is not as large as we had hoped to report if larger contributions had been forthcoming, yet we thank God and take courage for the future. The following will exhibit the steady growth of Christian giving for English Home Missions of the General Council during the past four years:

From Sept. 1. 1887, to Sept. 1. 1888		$ 4,748 64
" " 1888, " 1889		5,397 89
" " 1889, " 1890		9,257 13
" " 1890, " 1891		9,690 86
Two years ending Sept. 1, 1889		10,146 53
" " " 1891		18,947 99

In presenting the report of the Treasurer, Henry Beates, Esq., we take this occasion to express our grateful appreciation of the accuracy, promptness and fidelity with which he has filled this increasingly responsible position. His detailed report has been audited by a committee appointed for that purpose and found correct in every detail.

Following is a summary of the receipts and expenditures of the English Home Mission Committee for the two years, 1889–1891, ending September 1st:

1890–91.	*Receipts.*		1889–90.	
From 133 congregations.	$ 3,489 96	as against	113...	$ 3,526 32
" 213 Sund. schools.	3,200 38	"	160...	2,973 39
" 10 Woman's M. S.	847 18	"	20...	1,015 55
" Synods & confern's	651 15	"	...	683 39
" 29 individuals...	525 65	"	30...	468 74
" 13 Miss. Societies	226 79	"	21..	380 99
Interest on deposits....	13 82	"	...	25 14
Seminary collections....	16 42	"	...	16 61
Mission Leagues	245 49	col. meet. Coun.		167 00
Sundry receipts.....	474 01			
Receipts regul'r sources.	$ 9,690 86	as against.....		$ 9,257 13
Balance from '90.....	995 91	"	bal. '89	687 79
Cash borrowed.....	2,745 00			
Total receipts.....	$13,431 77	as against.....		$ 9,944 92

Expenditures.

Sal. Missionar's and Supt...	$11,096 32	as against...	$ 8,112 41
Traveling expenses.....	380 32	" ...	561 90
Special contributions.....	117 55	" ...	
Stationery, print'g, post'ge	253 60	" ..	154 79
Moving ex. of missionaries	152 24	" ..	111 00
Expenditures (ordinary)...	$12,000 03	" ..	$ 8,940 10
Loans returned.....	1,425 00		
Total expenditures.....	$13.425 03		

N. B.—It will be seen from the above exhibit that there is a balance on hand of only $6.74, and an indebtedness of $1,320.00 for money borrowed. It should also be particularly remarked that of the $18,947.99 contributed during the last two years $6,173.77, or nearly *one third*, came from Sunday schools.

It will be remembered that the last report called attention to the urgent need of adequate provision for a Church Extension Fund in the General Council to aid with timely loans, without interest, our struggling mission churches, especially in the West. We are glad to report that by voluntary action of the corporation, by nearly all the members of the committee becoming members of it, and the Missionary Superintendent being appointed its agent, "The Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society" which was chartered in 1871 for this very object, has become an agency which fully meets the requirements of church extension in the General Council.

The Society now numbers 242 members, each contributing $5.00 annually to its funds, and has received offerings from a number of Sunday schools, congregations and individuals. Since it has become more closely identified with this Body the fund has steadily increased from $2,433, on January 1st, 1890, to $6,354 on October 1st, 1891. The purpose of the Society commends it to thoughtful givers, whose gifts are here so carefully guarded that they will be doing their work through a hundred years to come in extending the Church in the needy places of our land.

From the facts and figures presented in this report, showing the growth both in the number and importance of the English missions of the General Council, the inadequacy of the apportionment made by this Body to the district synods will at once be seen. Several times the Treasurer has been compelled to make personal loans to tide over a shortage in the funds, the committee having no securities to offer as collateral for a loan. At this writing the treasury is heavily overdrawn. As there has been an increase in the work, there should be an increase in the apportionments to carry it on. Otherwise the cause will seriously suffer in the present and be disastrously effected for the future.

SPECIAL MENTION.

Steps taken by the committee to begin a new mission in an important New York city, called attention to the over-ripe field for English work existing in that state. Accordingly a call was issued in February, 1891, for a missionary conference of English pastors to meet at Rochester, N. Y. As a result of the thorough examination of the subject "The English Missionary Society in the New York Ministerium" was formed with Rev. T. B. Roth, President; Rev. J. E. Whitteker, Secretary, and Rev. F. A. Kaehler, Treasurer. The purpose is to combine the efforts of existing English churches and friends of missions in founding new English congregations within the state.

A petition from the Indiana synod requesting this committee to expend some of its means within the states of Indiana and Illinois, calls special attention to an important matter. It is that this committee if rightly supported could be largely helpful in strengthening the smaller synods by locating its missionaries on such territory, which embraces some of the best mission ground within the bounds of the General Council.

In November of last year a communication from the President of the Augustana Synod, addressed to this committee through the President of the Council, calls attention to two supposed irregularities alleged by the Minnesota Conference of that Synod to exist in our work: 1st. That congregations organized by our missionaries adopt constitutions not in harmony with the constitution of the Augustana

Synod, and 2d, that they put themselves and congregations in no synodical connection, and are consequently not amenable to proper discipline.

The committee returned a courteous answer, replying: 1st. That the committee could not recommend any other constitution for congregations except that prepared and recommended by the General Council; 2d. That all our missionaries are members of regular Lutheran synods connected with the General Council and both missionaries and congregations are under the rules and subject to the strict oversight of this committee.

Since then these missionaries in the Northwest have asked the advice of the committee as to the formation of an English synod, to which the reply was made that we believed that the necessities of English home mission work imperatively demanded the ultimate formation of an English synod in the Northwest, but left the determination of the time to the judgment of the men occupying the field.

In closing this report we note with sincere rejoicing the wide-spread interest that is now being taken by the large foreign Lutheran synods in the establishment of English missions and in furnishing opportunities for English worship to the anglicizing young people of their older congregations. After all the burning question of the hour is how most rapidly to give the Lutheran faith of the fathers in the language of the children. Even when the most strenuous efforts of synods, committees and boards are put forth, much will yet remain to be done to preserve our Lutheran material from drifting into sectarian religionism or into godless indifference.

The following are the items upon which the committee desire the sense of the Council:

I. Inasmuch as the enlarged demands of the work require an increase of the funds of the Committee, we ask that an apportionment aggregating $13,000 be made to the district synods in the proportion heretofore in force, for the English Home Mission Committee of the General Council.

II. As the power to borrow money in cases of emergency, as well as to solicit and manage bequests and devises for the English mission work of the General Council, would be greatly increased and facilitated by the incorporation of

e Committee, we request the advice of the Council on this int.

III. As a petition of a district synod is now before your mmittee, asking it to assume and manage all of the synod's glish home missions upon certain conditions not in con- t with the rules laid down for the Committee, we re- est the formal consent of the Council to enterin to such arragement.

IV. The success of the effort to engage the interest of children in home missions by the observance of a special ssion day in the Sunday schools has been so satisfactory t we request the Council to designate the Sunday nearest formation Day, the 31st of October, as "Children's Gen- l Council Mission Day," and recommend its observance in the congregations and Sunday schools of the Church.

V. That the plans now being carried out to enlist the erest of congregations, Sunday schools and individuals in effort to accumulate a Church Extension Fund for the neral Council through the Mission and Church Extension ciety be heartily commended and this Cause recommended the confidence and liberality of all.

Respectfully,

W. A. PASSAVANT, JR., *General Supt.*

S. A. SEISS, D.D., *President.*

LAIRD, D.D., *Secretary.*

NRY BEATES, ESQ., *Treasurer,*

509 Market St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Under the first item of the above report it was resolved t the apportionment be made on the basis of $13,000, an rease of 30 per cent.

It was also resolved, that the proposal to incorporate the ard of English Home Missions be referred to that Board examination, and, if they desired such incorporation, to mit a plan at our next Convention for carrying out the posal.

The request of the committee in item three was granted; the fourth and fifth recommendations were adopted.

Pending a motion to adopt the report as a whole the ncil adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. M. S. Waters.

TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY, October 20th, 7:30 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Kemmerer. The minutes were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on English Home Missions was adopted as a whole.

The following is the apportionment for the English Home Mission work of the General Council:

In accordance with the action of the Council directing that the sum of $13,000 for the support, during the current year, of the English home mission work be apportioned to the Synods, the following revised apportionment was adopted: Ministerium of Pennsylvania, $6,500; Pittsburgh Synod, $3,900; New York Ministerium, $1,040; District Synod of Ohio, $910; Indiana Synod, $650. Total, $13,000.

It was resolved, that the thanks of this Council be returned to Mr. Henry Beates for his faithful discharge of the duties of Treasurer of the English Home Missions.

It was also resolved that the same privilege accorded to the English Home Mission Board be extended to the German Home Mission Board and to the Board of Foreign Missions.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the feasibility of establishing a General Council Young People's Association, and if the establishing of such an association be deemed desirable, to devise plans for the same, the committee to report at the next Convention. The committee consists of Revs. Dr. J. A. Kunkelman, J. Q. Waters and W. J. Miller.

Rev. M. S. Waters called attention to the action of the Indiana Synod, suggesting provision for an exhibit at the Columbian Exposition. Referred to the Executive Committee of the General Council, with instructions to act as the circumstances may allow or require.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following which was adopted:

BOARD OF ENGLISH HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr,. General Superintendent, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. J. A, Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., President, 1338 Springarden street, Phildelphia, Pa.
Rev. S. Laird, D.D., Secretary, 1314 Springarden street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. H. A. Beates, Treasurer, 509 Market street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. F. J. F. Schantz,	Mr. Henry Lehman,
" Prof. H. E. Jacobs, D.D.,	" W. W. Kurtz,
Prof. S. P. Sadtler, Ph.D.,	J. Wolfe, Esq.,
Rev. S. A. Repass, D.D.,	Mr. Jacob Moher,
" H. Peters,	" E. R. Artman,
" O. P. Smith,	" Alf. Saeger.

BOARD OF GERMAN HOME MISSIOMS.

Rev. A. Richter, President, 11 Eighth street, Hoboken, New Jersey.
" J. Nicum, Secretary, 46 Morris street, Rochester, N. Y.
" G. H. Gomph, Treasurer, Pittsford, New York.

" J. Steinhaeuser,	Rev. J. J. Kuendig,
" J. Bretzing,	" E. Hartman,
" F. Veit,	Mr. J. Christ,
" T. H. Becker,	" F. Fischer,
" J. A. Timm,	" C. Schlottman,
" Ph. Phatteicher,	" J. Butz.

BOARD OF SWEDISH HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. P. J. Swaerd, St. Paul, Minnesota.
" P. Sjoeblom, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
" S. P. A. Lindahl, Rock Island, Illinois.
" C. J. Petri, 1428 Ninth street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
" J. Magny, Stillwater, Minnesota.

Mr. A. Peterson.	Mr. A. E. Edholm,
" J. Bodin,	" C. A. Smith.

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Rev. A. Spaeth, D.D., President, 1615 Girard avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
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" W. J. Mann, D.D., L.LD.,

Rev. M. C. Horine,
" E. E. Sibole,
Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Ph.D.,
Rev. F. P. Bender,
" E. H. Pohle,
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" A. Cordez.
Rev. F. W. Weiskotten,
" J. L. Sibole,
" J. E. Niedecker,
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It was resolved, that the hearty thanks of the General Council are hereby extended to the pastor, members and friends of Holy Trinity congregation for the cordial recep-

tion accorded and the generous hospitality with which they have entertained its delegates during the Convention in the city of Buffalo; and that the pastor be requested to communicate this action to his people at the next public service. The thanks of the Council were also tendered to the *Buffalo Express* and the *Commercial*, and also to the *Philadelphia Ledger* and to the reporters.

It was ordered that the Publication Board pay, on settlement to Mr. Diehl, for copies of Sunday School Book sent to Johnstown, Pa.

It was also ordered that 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention be published.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is commended to all the Synods of the General Council to take into careful consideration the work of regularly providing for the spiritual care of all those in hospitals and prisons and public institutions of reform and charity, who should be more particularly our charge.

It was ordered that the Superintendant of English Home Missions be requested to apportion the amount of $13,000 to the Synods, and send his statement of the same to the Secretaries for insertion in the Minutes.

The invitation of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in which the General Council was organized, to hold its Twenty-fourth Convention and celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary in said church in 1892, was accepted with thanks; the President and pastor *loci* to fix the month and day.

It was resolved, that the President and Pastor *loci* be a committee to arrange for all the public meetings during the conventions of the General Council.

The Report of the Committee on Church Extension was adopted as a whole as follows:

Report of the Committee for the Promotion of Church Extension.

It might be useful to have the history of the different plans the General Council has adopted, and attempted with varying success to carry out, with reference to home missions, since the period of its organization and first meeting

at Fort Wayne in the year 1867, but it does not belong to the province of this committee.

It is sufficient for our purpose, by way of introduction, to know that the present method of conducting home missions, adopted at the Fifteenth Convention of the General Council, held at Lancaster, Ohio, in 1882, is through three separate committees; one for the English language, one for the German, and one for the Swedish; "each responsible to the General Council" and charged with the duty of "devising ways and means whereby to obtain the necessary funds to carry on the work of missions, as well as to appropriate them and supervise the missions."

The English and German committees originally consisted of twelve persons, six clergymen and six laymen, ten of whom were elected by ballot, the remaining two by the others. They now consist of fifteen members. The former general committee has thus ceased to exist, and the present English committee in its stead is to report at each meeting of the General Council.

With these preliminary remarks we proceed to the discharge of our specific duty, (as given in the Minutes of the Twenty-second Convention of the General Council, held at Pittsburg in 1889, pp. 62-63). In the second item of the report of the committee on plan of Church Extension Society, the appointment of a committee was recommended, and the recommendation was adopted by the General Council, to take into consideration the proper arrangements to be made for the promotion of church extension, and to confer with the "Lutheran Mission and Church Extension Society" now in existence and approved by the General Council.

Your committee, appointed by Dr. G. F. Krotel, President of the General Council, in accordance with the above recommendation, in view of the fact that two years would elapse before the next meeting of the General Council in 1891, thought it unwise to wait without making efforts to increase the funds for home missions during the interval.

They, therefore, shortly after their appointment had several meetings in Philadelphia, and also an interview as requested by the General Council, first with the officers and subsequently with the Church Extension Society, in St. Mark's church, Philadelphia, on the evening of the 27th of

January, 1890. Your committee feeling the necessity for some immediate action resolved "to recommend to this Society to secure, as a temporary measure, the appointment of the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., the Missionary Superintendant, as an agent for the collection of funds for the purpose of church extension until further and more complete arrangements could be made, and in this way further the design intended to be accomplished by the action of the General Council."

Some objections were made at first to the proposal, but they were removed by subsequent and more mature consideration; and it was finally adopted in the following form, which is herewith presented in full on account of its importance:

Resolved, That in accordance with the action taken by the General Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in North America, at its annual meeting in Pittsburgh, in October, 1889, and subject to the approval of the Committee on English Home Missions of the General Council, the Rev. W. A. Passavant, Jr., the Superintendent of English Home Missions of the General Council, be authorized to act in the name and by authority of this Society in presenting the objects and powers of this Society to individuals and congregations, incidentally, in connection with the performance of his duties as Superintendant of English Home Missions, and that he be requested to specially indicate the willingness of this Society to act as custodian or depository of any funds intended for objects of church extension, and to take and hold the title of any lot or lots of ground intended to be purchased or donated for the erection of church buildings.

Resolved, That all and any action upon the subjects indicated taken by the Superintendent of the English Home Mission, by virtue of the authority herein given, be reported to this Society.

Resolved, That this society report to the General Council at its annual meeting any action taken by this Society in connection with the church extension operations of the General Council.

The special committoe of the General Council hereupon met and unanimously approved of this action of the Church Extension Society, authorized the Chairman to give notice

of it in the Church papers, the *Lutheran*, the *Workman* an *Church Messenger*, and to inform the President of the Genera Council of it.

All this was done in the early part of last year, and th Missionary Superintendent has been using his best endeav ors, in connection with his other labors, to co-operate wit the committee in this work. He has been successful i securing in this interval considerable additions to the fund of this society for home mission purposes. And althoug the amount is small, when contrasted with the importanc and extent of the field the General Council has to cultivate the amount we ought to have in hand as a minimum $100,00 and the assets of the General Synod now amounting, accord ing to the Minutes of the present year, to $200,000. A goo beginning has been made and we trust the fund will b greatly augmented in the course of the next few years by th friends of the Lutheran Church to correspond with he "name and fame." To aid in securing this desirable an necessary end, your committee ventures to propose the fol lowing recommendations for adoption at this convention o the General Council:

1st. That the present arrangement with the Missionar Superintendent be approved, as this Church Extension Soci ety and its Constitution has been approved and recommende by the General Council and the Synod of Pennsylvania o two separate occasions in the years 1873 and 1874.

2nd. That the district Synods, in connection with th General Council, be requested to arrange for the collectio of funds for church extension.

3rd. That each of our Lutheran Sunday schools be re quested to devote an annual or a quarterly collection for th same object.

4th. That pastors be urged to encourage their wealth members to give generous gifts for church extension in thei life time, or bequests in their wills in accordance with th form published on the covers of the Minutes of the Genera Council for the last and preceding years.

5th. That the influence of clergy and laity be brough to bear upon R. R. corporations, land corporations or privat individuals to induce them to give lots for the erection o churches.

6th. That prayer be offered up continually to the Great Head of the Church that our people may be impelled by the Divine Spirit to a larger measure of love, zeal, self-denial and liberality in behalf of his needy and suffering church.

Respectfully submitted

BY THE COMMITTEE.

The following is the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the District Synods as sent in since the adjournment:

Report of Committee on Minutes of District Synods.

I.—MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The One Hundred and Forty-third Annual Convention of the above body was held at Bethlehem, Pa., in Salem Evangelical Lutheran church, Rev. Enoch Smith, pastor, May 29th to June 3d, 1890.

Three ministers had died during the year and nine were dismissed to other Synods. Seven clergymen were received from other bodies and nine candidates ordained.

At the close of the meeting the roll of clergymen numbered 269; congregations, 448; additions of adults, 8,811; infant baptisms, 9,408; losses, 3,727. The contributions for all objects amounted to $563,145.13 as follows:

I.—For Congregational Purposes.

Current expenses	$287,507 82
Special	210,863 67

II.—A. For Synod.

a. General fund	18,630 18
b. Foreign Missions	4,838 32

III.—B. Home Missions of General Council.

a. German	1,179 70
b. English	6,720 14
Theological Seminary	4,938 97
Muhlenberg College	3,227 85
Orphan's Home	7,745 59
Other beneficent purposes	7,283 64
General	10,218 71
	$563,145 13

Fifty-two missions and thirty-five students received aid from the Synod during the year.

The One Hundred and Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was held in Emmanuel Lutheran church, Pottstown, Pa., charge of Rev. D. K. Kehner, May 21st to 27th, 1891. There were present at this convention of the Synod 253 ministers and 126 lay delegates. Six ordained ministers were received, and twenty candidates ordained. During the synodical year one member of the Ministerium died and eight were honorably discharged to unite with other Lutheran bodies.

The Synod numbers 286 ministers, 449 congregations, 105,587 confirmed members, of whom 84,682 communed during the year. There were 4,663 accessions by confirmation and 385 by adult baptism—in all 5,048. There were losses by death, removal and exclusion of 4,043. The infant baptisms number 9,337. There are seventeen parochial schools, with twenty-nine teachers and 1,398 pupils. The Sunday schools number 519, with 7,592 officers and teachers and 77,006 pupils. Ten corner stones of churches were laid, nine new churches consecrated and six new congregations received. Forty-eight students received aid in their preparation for the Gospel ministry to the extent of $6,520.50. The appropriations to forty-five missions located within the bounds of and assisted by the Synod amounted to $9,278.94, exclusive of $493.30 expended for mission work at Atlantic City and Asbury Park, N. J. The grand total of contributions by the parishes was $545,651.24. Of this amount $5,494.70 were given to foreign missions; $6,901.82 to English home missions of the General Council; $1,288.52 to German home missions of the General Council; $3,943.68 to the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia; $8,720.90 to Muhlenberg college, and $8,221.34 to the Orphan's Home.

The Thirty-second Annual Report of the Orphan's Home and Asylum at Germantown shows said institution to be in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding its recent most serious pecuniary losses. The endowment fund amounts to $25,335.88, which includes $10,000 paid by the family of the former treasurer. The receipts from all sources for current expenses were $10,935.37, and the expenditures $8,402.76. There are at present in the orphanage forty-two boys and

wenty-six girls, and in the asylum five men and twenty-two vomen. Great improvement in the care and management f the finances of the home has come as the consequence of ts losses.

Among leading matters of interest transacted by this ody at its recent meeting was:

1. The determination to complete the publication of the 'Hallische Nachrichten," uniform in style and appearance vith the first volume published by Mr. T. H. Diehl.

2. The election of two Professors to the Theological Seminary at Mt. Airy. One, the Rev. Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Ph.D., assistant instructor to Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D., L.L.D., n Old Testament Languages and Theology; the other, the Rev. J. Fry, D.D., to the professorship founded by St. ohn's English Lutheran Church of Philadelphia, of Homo- etics and Sacred Oratory. These Professors accepted the ositions to which they were called and were duly installed n St. John's Church on the evening of September ———. The house for a resident Professor, the erection of which ad been determined upon at a previous meeting of the ynod, was reported as nearing completion. It has since een finished.

A very careful and detailed report, showing remarkable ctivity and success on his part, was made by the financial gent and treasurer of Muhlenberg College. Besides col- ecting $2,743.18 toward the debt of the college, he secured ledges to the extent of $1,826.50 and had in the neighbor- ood of 300 shares of the capital stock of the college trans- erred absolutely to the Ministerium. He likewise succeeded n securing two memorial scholarships.

The President of the Miniterium having called the at- ention of the body, in his annual report, to the office of versight, the following action was taken:

That the faculty of our Theological Seminary be re- uested to prepare for discussion at the next meeting of the Ministerium, a statement of principles involved in the office f oversight as it has been observed and practiced in our vangelical Lutheran Church, and of the manner in which hese principles could be adapted to this Ministerium.

Rev. A. Cordes, rector of the Mary J. Drexel Home and hiladelphia Mother House of Deaconnesses, made a very

satisfactory report of the condition of affairs in that institution. He had resigned his position as rector, but has since concluded to remain.

Themes that more particularly concern the General Council:

1. The Synod recommended all its congregations and Sunday schools to use no other Lesson Leaves than those provided by the General Council and edited by one of its standing committees.

2. The Treasurer of the Ministerium, Rev. J. K. Plitt, was authorized to transfer to the Publication Committee of the General Council, through its Chairman, all moneys, agreements, plates and stock on hand relating to the publication of the English Church Book, and to make final settlement of the accounts of the same.

The Ministerium accepts the General Council's apportionment for the work of English and German Home Missions.

The Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the General Council, Rev. W. A. Schaeffer, reported to the Synod the acceptance by Rev. Calvin T. Kuder, one of our newly ordained men, of a call tendered by it to him to be missionary in India, whereupon the Synod passed resolutions declaring its interest in his work and assuring him of individual sympathy and prayer.

Synod will meet next year in Trinity Church, Reading, Rev. J. Fry, pastor, beginning June 9th.

II.—THE MISISTERIUM OF NEW YORK.

The Ministerium of New York and adjoining states and countries held its Ninty-sixth Annual Convention from June 12th to 17th, 1890, at the First German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lyons, N. Y., Rev. J. A. Timm, pastor, and its Ninety-seventh Convention at the German Church of the Holy Trinity, Middle Village, Long Island, N. Y., Rev. D. W. Peterson, pastor.

The Synod numbers 119 pastors and 89 congregations, report a communicant mempership of 40,053. There are 122 Sunday schools numbering 2,666 teachers and 25,626 scholars. The thirty-nine parochial schools, in charge of fifty-two teachers and fourteen pastors, report 2,792 pupils. The

baptisms reported are 5,746 children and 103 adults, and confirmations 2,391. There were 2,283 marriages and 2,565 funerals.

Societies—Missionary societies, 17; sick and aid societies, 16; men's, 11; young men's, 23; ladies' societies, 77; young ladies', 41; ladies' and young ladies' societies, 7; young people's societies, 22.

The Treasurer's Report shows receipts for specific synodical purposes of $13,954.59. Total amounts disbursed for congregational purposes, 92 congregations reporting, were $239,416.35; for benevolence in general, 100 congregations reporting, the sum of $31,566.91 was disbursed.

The Synod's Fund for the endowment of its German professorship in the Seminary at Mt. Airy amounts to $7,393.81. It was resolved in this connection to endeavor to raise the necessary amount as soon as possible, as well as to make all possible efforts, to pay the German professor the full amount of the sallary agreed upon.

Home Missions. Though only six congregations were supported during the year, the Synod is nevertheless actively engaged in doing home mission work. Besides aiding the home mission work of the Council's German Committee, the various conferences of the Synod maintain their own mission fields and several congregations are doing the same kind of work.

Quite a number of new preaching stations, mission fields and new congregations were established during the past two years. A number of new or renovated churches, chapels and school houses were dedicated to the service of God.

Education. The Synod is supporting at present ten young men in their preparation for the ministry, of these eight are at the Seminary and two at Wagner College.

Wagner College received during the past year nearly $3,000 from the Synod. The institution closed its last scholastic year with 42 students in attendance. Four regular teachers were engaged in giving to these 114 lessons or hours of instruction per week. At the close of the year 1889–90 nine young men were graduated who are now members of the middle class in the Seminary. Last June one was sent to the same institution. The College has at present 15

alumni at the Seminary. The majority of our students being beneficiaries, the receipts from this source are not sufficient to defray the current expenses of the school. The financial condition of the College has, however, been favorable for the past two years. Last year the receipts from all sources amounted to $6,470.59, and the expenditures were $6,364.28. Since the last meeting of the Synod the College has lost by death its Vice-President, G. J. Wagner, after whom the institution is named and who, during his life time, was very active in promoting its welfare. Mr. Wagner has bequeathed to the College real estate and money amounting to about $20,000. Our hopes and expectations of receiving a handsome endowment have, therefore, not been realized. Another death took place in the Board of Directors that has deeply affected the College, namely, that of Mr. D. Banteleon, who for many years was the faithful and efficient Treasurer of the school.

Theological discussions were held as usual. In 1890 theses on the 4th Article of F. C., "Our Good Works," prepared by Rev. Leo Konig, were discussed, and in 1891 theses "On the Ministry" were prepared by Rev. J. Ehrhart and partly discussed by Synod.

A colloquy with the Buffalo Synod was resolved by Synod and held just before this meeting of the Council.

Some time was devoted to the discussion of the question as to the advisability of Synod establishing a church paper. The matter had been recommended by a former President, and a committee had been appointed to take the matter into consideration. The committee reporting favorably, the question was discussed for some time, but finally submitted to the various conferences.

The answer of the Council to the Ministerium's question respecting pulpit-fellowship was read and discussed at the meeting of 1890, reconsidered in 1891 and finally laid on the table.

The Sunday School Lesson Leaves in the German language that have been edited and published by a special committee are to be continued.

Articles and Rules Governing Visitations in the synodical congregations by the Presidents of conferences were read in their final form and adopted.

The Ministerium in its meeting in 1890 expressed the wish that the Council would publish the "Forms for Ministerial Acts" as soon as possible. It also resolved that the Council be requested to revise and enlarge that part of the German Sunday School Book containing the Church chorals in such a manner that it might be used as a "Choralbuch" in the churches, schools and families. The Revs. J. J. Heischmann and G. C. F. Haaswere appointed to co-operate with the Church Book Committee in this matter.

III.—THE PITTSBURGH SYNOD.

Since the last report made to this Council the Pittsburgh Synod has held two annual conventions, the first at Pleasant Unity, Pa., in August, 1890, and the second at Greenville, Pa., in August, 1891. The reports show: Baptisms, 3,940; confirmations, 2,708; received by letter, 1,718; catechumens, 2,316; ministers, 124; parishes, 106; congregations, 197; communicants, 22,177; Sunday school scholars, 15,893· The contributions are as follows: Synodical treasury, $15,-392.91; children's offerings for home missions of Synod, $3,373.43; General Council's home missions, $3,129.79; foreign missions, $3,509.40; orphans, $2,451.32; other benevolent objects, $12,056.40; local expenses, about $249,059.54. Grand total, $288,972.79.

The Synod supports 28 missions and 15 young men preparing for the ministry. Congregations organized, 9; corner stones of churches laid, 6; churches consecrated, 6; ordained to the ministry, 6.

The Synod is more actively and successfully engaged in its great work than at any previous timr in its history and looks forward to still greater achievements.

IV.—DISTRICT SYNOD OF OHIO.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convention of this Synod was held in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church at Middlepoint, Van Wert county, Ohio, June 4th to 7th, 1890. There were 26 ministers and 17 laymen present.

During the year previous one pastor was dismissed to another Lutheran Synod, and two dropped from the role of membership. At this convention three pastors were receiv-

ed, two from other Lutheran Synods and one hitherto independent Lutheran, Parochial statistics for the year are: Accessions by confermation 438, by letter and certificate 304; infant bapthism, 365; losses by death 122, by removal and exclusion, 149; marriages, 278; funerals, 277.

Total moneys received during the year amounted to $35,049.14, of which $31,465.68 was for local objects, $1,326.92 for the synodical treasury, $425.40 for General Council missions. Synod helped to support four English missions at an expense of $654.49, and also four beneficiary students at a cost of $475. It appropriated $1,350 for missions and $575 for the education of six students for the year following.

There were also reported 467 catechumens, 56 Sunday schools with 481 officers and teachers and 6,132 scholars; and 21 women's societies, 14 of which had a membership of 410 and raised $1,647.73 for local objects and $32 for missions.

The Synod acted favorably on all of the recommendations handed down to it by the General Council at its previous convention.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of this Synod was held in Emanuel's Evangelical Lutheran church in Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, May 27th to 30th, 1891. There were 25 ministers and 22 laymen present.

The Synod is now composed of 34 ministers and 62 congregations, with 8,235 communicant members. There are also reported within the bounds of the Synod 53 Sunday schools with 692 officers and teachers and 5,453 scholars and 425 catechumens; and 21 mission and aid societies with 817 members.

At this convention four pastors from other Lutheran Synods were received; none dismissed; two new congregations received; none dismissed. Accessions during the year were: By confermation 399, adult baptism 66, letter and certificate 166, infant baptism 414; losses by death 130, by removal and exclusion 148; marriages, 196; funerals, 293.

The total moneys raised during the year amounted to $30,596.57, of which $28,274.50 were for local objects, $1,373.08 for the synodical treasury, $57.51 for foreign missions, $460.28 for English home missions of the General Council, $15.25 for German home missions, $45 for church extension

nd $415 for orphan and other charitable work. The church roperty of Synod is valued at $289,400, with a reported in- ebtedness of $15,860.

Synod aids one German and four English missions, one f which is now vacant. One mission became self-sustain- ng during the year. Synod spent $1,204 to aid these mis- ions, and appropriated $950 for the same object for the ensu- ng year.

Six students preparing for the ministry were aided uring the year at an expense of $605, to whom a sum of 770 was appropriated for the ensuing year.

Rev. G. W. Mechling is the Synod's representative on ne General Council's Committee on Sunday School Work.

The following was adopted by Synod:

Resolved, That this Synod instruct its member (Rev. G. V. Mechling) of the General Council's Committee on Sunday chool Work to urge the committee to recommend to the eneral Council a revision of the present Sunday School ook so that the words be interlined with the music; and nat the meters of the tunes and the words be marked by the sual sign.

The Synod will hold its next annual convention in St. tephen's Evangelical Lutheran church of Toledo, Ohio, on ne Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 1892.

V.—THE AUGUSTANA SYNOD

eld its Thirty-second Annual Convention at Chisago Lake, linnesota, June 16th to 23d, 1891.

The statistics show a marked increase in the growth of his Synod. It is divided in seven conferences and the mis- on district of Utah. The numerical strength of the Synod 637 congregations and 325 pastors. The whole member- hip is 145,503, of which 84,583 are communicants.

In the Sunday schools are enrolled 3,126 teachers and 3,546 scholars; and in the parochial schools are 249 teachers nd 12,909 pupils.

The contributions and regular church expenses for the vo previous years have been as follows: For educational urposes, $48,914.64; home missions, $31,972.58; foreign issions, $10,694.34; orphan homes, hospitals and local

charities, $54,823.98, and regular expenses for the congregations, $1,209,200.29.

In regard to the work within the Synod at its various institutions and on its mission fields notice may be taken in the report from the President under Home missions.

VI.—CANADA SYNOD.

The Canada Synod assembled for its Thirty-first Annual Meeting from May 21st to 26th, 1891, in the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity church, Rev. F. Veit, pastor loci, at Sebastopol, Perth county, Ontario, Canada.

The Synod now numbers 40 pastors, 85 congregations, with a communicant membership of 8,924. The number of souls at the last census taken by the Synod is 14,529. The number of children and adults baptised during the past two years is 1,434, and in the same period 940 young Christians were confirmed. At present the Synod numbers 75 church edifices and 27 parsonages. In 1890 the number of Sunday schools was 61, the number of Sunday school teachers was 449 and the whole number of scholars was 3,435. In 1891 in 68 Sunday schools instruction was given by 470 teachers to 3,640 scholars.

In the report of 1890 the statistics show that 18 parochial schools were connected with the Synod; the number of teachers and scholars, however, is not stated in that report. According to the report of 1891 there were 21 parochial schools connected with the Synod; the number of scholars in these schools is 612, who were instructed by the pastors of the respective congregations.

The contributions for church purposes of the various parishes the last two years aggregated:

(*a*) Home Missions	$ 4,836 15
(*b*) Foreign Mission	735 73
(*c*) For Orphan's Home Mission	253 35
(*d*) The Minister's Aid Fund had an income of	541 41
The whole amount of this fund at present is	1,936 91
(*e*) Local purposes	38,638 03

The "Kirchenblatt," organ of the Synod, has hitherto had a very good success. The paper is published for the last twenty-three years and at present the number of

subscribers is 900. The "Kirchenblatt" is now issued weekly. The total receipts of the "Kirchenblatt" for the last two years were $1,825.96; expenditures $1,590.98. The surplus was in part paid over to the Home Mission treasury of the Synod.

In proportion the Synod has annually expended large sums for educational purposes. The aid granted to beneficiaries for the last two years was $500. At present the Synod sustains only one beneficiary at the Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

In reference to the resolution of the General Council of 1889, referred to the District Synods concerning the Children's Day, the Synod recommended to its pastors to raise a collection for Home Missions at the Sunday school conventions annually held within the bounds of the Synod.

Three churches, one church tower, three church bells, a burial place and a reed organ were dedicated the last two years.

The Synod will hold its next convention, D. V., in Hespeler, Waterloo county, Assiniboia, Canada, Rev. E. Meinhold, pastor loci, on Thursday post Trinity, June 16th, 1892.

VII.—THE SYNOD OF TEXAS.

The Thirty-eighth Convention of the First Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Texas was held in the Evangelical Lutheran Salem church at Brenham, Washington county, Texas.

The list of pastors shows 27 names, and the number of congregations in connection with the Synod is 38.

The death of the President of the Synod, Rev. E. Huber, was appropriately noticed.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting was held in Victoria, Victoria county, Texas, April 16th to 21st, 1891.

The Synod numbers 32 pastors and 41 congregations, with a communicant membership of 5,447. Several missions were founded, one church was considerably enlarged and three new churches were erected and consecrated to the worship of the Lord. The missionary zeal of the brethren is worthy of praise; every pastor is willing to promote the work in his own vicinity. Although five new laborers were received during the past year, yet the Synod is unable to provide pastors for all the congregations and to found new

missions. The constantly asked question, "When shall we obtain the workmen needed for our field?" presses itself upon our Synod now more than it ever did. We need laborers who are faithful to the Lutheran confession, and who will labor with us in one and the same spirit.

A new constitution was considered and finally adopted at our last meeting. The Synod has resolved to establish a Lutheral College in the town of Brenham. The citizens of this place have offered land, buildings and money worth $5,000 for this purpose. This school has in the meantime been opened in the month of September. Two teachers were appointed who, in connection with Rev. Langerer, furnish the instruction.

May the Lord of the vineyard look graciously upon this school and add His blessing to the work. Our young people need Christian education which will train them for our beloved Lutheran Church.

The place of the next meeting is to be designated by the President of the Synod.

VIII.—INDIANA SYNOD.

The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Indiana Synod was held in Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, East Germantown, Wayne county, Indiana, Rev. J. F. Booher, pastor, September 23d to 27th, 1891.

The President's report shows the completion and dedication of the First Evangelical Luthern church by the mission at Decatur, Illinois. The building is in keeping with other churches in the beautiful city. There is a very small debt and the church property is valued at $25,000. Also the Mission church at Frankfort was remodeled and reopened and all expenses paid. Thus have both these missions taken new life and are moving forward.

The dedication of the new church at Newberry, Greene county, Indiana, was also reported.

One death has occurred, the Rev. Henry Fairchild, June 3d, 1891, at Gale, Illinois.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Rev. Jesse Dunn, Goshen, Indiana, president; Rev. J. F. Booher, East Germantown, Indiana, secretary; Rev. S. Wagenhals, Ft.

Wayne, Indiana, missionary president; Mr. L. M. Melander, 521 LaSalle avenue, Chicago, Illinois, treasurer.

Rev. S. Wagenals, missionary president, presented an interesting report of progress in our missions, in all of which there has been good and honest work done by the missionaries, and the blessings of God manifested by the increased number of souls and of deeds of devotion and love.

The missions are in the cities of Decatur, Illinois, Rev. M. S. Wagner, missionary; Frankfort, Indiana, Rev. D. S. Reese, missionary; Portland, Indiana, Rev. A. V. House, missionary.

In a number of other towns of Indiana some work has been done by the brethren, but nothing accomplished owing to lack of munitions for the work.

In regard to mission work a move was instituted to have the General Council Home Mission Committee assume the work of caring for missions in the bounds of this Synod, and the Synod pay into the treasury of the G. C. M. C. all the money that she is able to raise. The Indiana Synod is but a vast mission field, and the Synod is not able to carry on all the work needed, and for this reason along with others asks the Council to help, promising to do all that she is able to do in the great work.

A resolution was addressed to the World's Columbian Exposition asking for Sunday closing. Also one addressed to the General Council asking that body to consider, and if thought advisable, to take steps toward a Lutheran exhibition of some kind at Chicago during the Fair of 1893, to be undertaken with the co-operation of the other Lutheran bodies in this country and by representative Lutherans from abroad.

One young man was taken on the funds of the Synod and sent to the Theological Seminary of the General Council at Chicago.

An able and exhaustive legal paper on the legal organization of religious bodies in Illinois and Indiana was presented by a special committee, and as the best legal advise of these states was secured all such bodies would do well to secure these opinions and carry out the specifications therein. The report as presented has been spread on the minutes of the Synod.

The Convention was the largest and most harmonious and much interest manifested, and marks an era of progress.

The next Convention to be at Augusta, Marion county, Indiana, commencing October 4th, 1892, Rev. J. C. Bank, Lebanon, Indiana, pastor.

Rev. Bolick was ordained and has taken charge of a field of labor.

Statistics.—Pastors, 17; congregations, 31; communicants, 3,100; accessions, 378; losses, 263; Sunday schools, 19; scholars, 2,015; mission societies, 8; value of church property, $186,000; contributions, local objects $27,080, benevolent objects, $2,024.

The following is the report of the Committee on Statistics, as sent to the Secretary since the adjournment:

STATISTICS.

SYNODS.	Organized.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Members.	Parochial Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Sunday Schools.	Teachers and Officers.	Scholars.
Ministerium of Pennsylvania	1748	286	449	109,135	17	29	1,389	519	7,592	77,006
Ministerium of New York	1786	119	120	40,653	39	67	2,792	122	2,666	25,626
Pittsburg Synod	1845	124	197	22,358	....	....	.....	168	1,482	15,728
Texas Synod	1851	31	37	6,970	3	3	72	22	42	1,201
District Synod of Ohio	1857	34	72	8,235	....	....	.....	54	692	5,453
Swedish Augustana	1860	325	637	84,583	259	297	12,909	332	3,126	30,128
Canada Synod	1861	39	85	8,574	21	14	617	63	470	3,701
Indiana Synod	1871	17	31	2,939	....	....	.....	19	162	1,680
Total		972	1,625	283,467	410	392	18,779	1,299	14,866	161,523
English Synod of the North-West	1891	7	6	343	....	....	.....	9	.....	656
		979	1,631	283,810	410	392	18,779	1,308	14,866	162,189

The minutes were read and approved; and, finally, all the business having been transacted, the Council adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

The Convention was closed by the President in accordance with the form prescribed in the Church Book and singing the hymn: *Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott.*

G. W. MECHLING,
English Recording Secretary.

Buffalo, N. Y., October 20th, 1891.

DIVINE SERVICES.

1. On Thursday, October 15th, at 10:30 A. M., Rev. J. A. Seiss, D.D., L.L.D., preached the opening sermon from Math. v: 13.

2. On Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Seiss preached a sermon on the subject of the Great Reformation of the Sixteenth Century.

Services were also conducted in several other Lutheran churches in the city of Buffalo.

3. On Sunday evening a service was held in the interest of Home Missions; and addresses were delivered by Revs. D. H. Geissinger, G. H. Gerberding, H. Peters and W. A. Passavant, Jr.

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APPENDIX.

THE REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Presented to the General Council at its meeting in Buffalo, New York, October, 1891.

October 6, 1891.

To the General Council, Etc.

Mr. President and Brethren:—Two years have passed since our last official report was laid before the Church, but they have not been years of idleness or indifference to the work on the part of either the Missionaries in the field, the Committee, or many of our congregations.

To Him who came to seek and to save that which was lost, and who gave the great command to "teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," the gratitude of the Church should be expressed for the blessings our work has enjoyed. That this work is His, that He has accepted it and granted His blessing is evident in the progress made in the field in India, and in the increased interest taken in it by the congregations at home.

At the time of the last meeting of the General Council we were still sorrowing over the death of two of our faithful and efficient laborers. But at the same time we were cheered by the presence among us of one who had accepted the call of the Committee and was ready to be sent out to take the place of one of the departed brethren. The Rev. Emanuel Edman, M. D., was solemnly consecrated to the office and work of a Missionary in the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the evening of October 10, 1889. A few days after this, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, he started for India, where he arrived, having remained for a time in Europe, on Saturday, January 18, 1890. Dr. Edman's arrival was a cause of great encouragement to the Missionaries already there, for it assured them that God would not forsake them, and that His Spirit was inclining some to come to their assistance. This had already been

clearly shown, for soon after the last meeting of the General Council word came to your Committee, that in answer to their request, the Breklum Mission Society would allow the Rev. E. Pohl, who had been in their employ at Salur, to engage in the service of our Mission at Rajahmundry. This help the Committee accepted with feelings of gratitude, for Mr. Pohl's knowledge of the language, and his experience of seven years in India, gave to our Mission a man who could at once be of great service in its work. Mr. Pohl arrived in Rajahmundry, November 12, 1889, and at once took charge of the Boarding School, which is now, however, known by the name of the Seminary. The original understanding with the Breklum Society was that at the end of one year Mr. Pohl was to return to his former station, but in answer to our urgent request, and through the great kindness of that Society, he has been permitted to remain with us for a longer period of time. He expects to continue in our service until the close of the present year.

Though we had Dr. Edman and Mr. Pohl now in the field to take the places of the recently deceased brethren, Dietrich and Grœnning, the Committee felt that it could not be satisfied until other helpers were added to the Missionary family. Mr. Pohl's stay was only temporary and Dr. Edman would be obliged to wait two years, or thereabouts, before his acquaintance with the language would be such as to enable him to do the full work of a Missionary. So the Committee never lost sight of the fact that another laborer must be secured for the field. But before this was done their attention was directed to the fact that two young women desired to be sent to India to engage in Mission-work among the heathen women of that country. We had never made this part of the work a special effort, all that had been done in this direction having been accomplished by the wives of the Missionaries, and to send two young, unmarried women out specially for this purpose seemed to some a venture that should be made cautiously and only after full consideration of the subject. Was there a demand for such work? Did the condition and circumstances of our Mission call for or justify such an undertaking on our part? Would the Church sustain us in this new movement? These and similar questions were suggested and required satisfactory answers. But at last after a full and general discussion of the subject it was unanimously "*Resolved*, That in the name of the Lord we now undertake the Zenana work," (Minutes June 9, 1890), and Miss Agnes I. Schade, of Water Cure, Pa., and Miss Kate S. Sadtler, of Baltimore, Md., were called to engage in this part of the work. The call was accepted by them, the salary of each being fixed at five hundred dollars a year and house accommodations.

On the evening of Thursday, October 16, 1890, an impressive service was held in St. John's Church, Philadelphia, Pa., when these ladies were solemnly charged with the duties of the positions to which they had been called. Notwithstanding the very unpleasant weather, the congregation attending this service was very large, and the impression made upon all was very favorable for our work.

On the morning of October 18, 1890, Miss Schade and Miss Sadtler left New York for India, where they arrived December 20, 1890, and received a most hearty welcome from the members of the Missionary family, the native Christians and the children of the schools.

But while the Committee felt very thankful for this addition to the working force of the Mission, they could not forget that the time for which the Rev. E. Pohl's services had been secured would soon draw to a close. Even if it had escaped their minds the repeated urgent appeal of the several Missionaries was calculated to keep it before them as a living question. From India we were asked, "What is to be done with the schools when Brother Pohl leaves, as there is no one here who can lay aside his work to give his attention to that department?" "Is there no young man who is willing to consecrate himself to this very important branch of our Mission-work?" From Germany, Mrs. Grœnning wrote feelingly in behalf of the schools in Rajahmundry. She recalled the interest of her late husband in them, and the progress they had made under his supervision and that of the Rev. Mr. Pohl, and she asked whether they must be closed and the ground already gained be given up because none seemed inclined to come to the help of the cause. It needed not indeed these earnest, touching cries for help to show the Committee what ought to be done, but the circumstances and conditions were such that it was difficult for them to act as the case required.

The question of language has no bearing in the sending out of an ordinary Missionary, but where he is expected to do a special work it may be of the greatest importance. Such was the case here. The man needed was to engage in the school-work, and it was well understood by both the Committee and the Missionaries themselves that no one would be suitable who was not thoroughly acquainted with the English language. More than one effort was made to secure a competent man for the place, but all failed until a call was issued to Mr. Calvin Francis Kuder, who at the time was a member of the Middle Class in the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Mr. Kuder accepted the call, and at the request of our Committee he was admit-

ted to examination and then ordained by the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, May 26, 1891.

On the evening of August 31, last, the Rev. Mr. Kuder was solemnly consecrated to the office and work of a Missionary to the heathen, the service being held in St. John's Church, Allentown, Pa. On September 2, 1891, Mr. Kuder, accompanied by his wife, sailed from Philadelphia for Liverpool, where he arrived September 14th. Latest advices lead us to believe that he is now on his way from England to India, and to hope that he will reach Rajahmundry not later than November 1st.

THE PRESENT MISSIONARY FORCE.

With those whose names have just been given, and who have been sent out since the last meeting of the Council, the Missionaries in the field are the following:

The Rev. H. C. Schmidt, in charge of Rajahmundry and the outlying District.

The Rev. F. J. McCready, in charge of the Tallapudi District.

The Rev. E. Edman, M. D., in charge of the Samulcotta District.

The Rev. E. Pohl, in charge of the Schools in Rajahmundry.

Miss Agnes I. Schade, engaged in Zenana work, and in charge of the Mohammedan Girls' School.

Miss Kate S. Sadtler, engaged in Zenana work, and in charge of the Caste Girls' School.

The Rev. C. F. Kuder, now on his way to India, but to take charge of the Schools in Rajahmundry.

The Rev. N. Paulus, a native, in charge, under Mr. Schmidt's supervision, of the Velpur District.

The Rev. T. Joseph, also a native and under Mr. Schmidt's supervision, in charge of the Jagurupad District.

The wives of the several Missionaries, namely, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. McCready, Mrs. Edman and Mrs. Pohl, have also rendered the cause very valuable assistance during the past two years. Their services have, we doubt not, been blessed so that some have been led by them to Christ, and others have been strengthened in the faith.

While the number of Missionaries now at work is encouraging, the Church ought not to forget that the demand is for still more men, more Zenana workers to enter the field. Dowlaishwaram should have a man in charge of the work of that District. Mr. McCready writes that a Zenana worker is greatly needed in Tallapudi. There is good reason therefore to entertain the hope that during the coming year we

may be able to send another man into the field, and so on from year to year until all India shall be brought to the knowledge and worship of the Triune God.

Notes from the Several Districts.

Rajahmundry. This is our main station. St. Paul's Church is located here and is in charge, as is the whole District, of the Rev. H. C. Schmidt. The Holy Communion was celebrated in this church on last Christmas when 116 persons received that sacrament. Mr. Schmidt, accompanied by Mrs. Schmidt, and for a part of the time by Mr. Pohl, made his usual tours throughout the District, and his reports are quite satisfactory. Some disorder, confusion and unpleasantness has been caused by the unpardonable and unchristian interference of Missionaries of the Baptist Church, but it is hoped that a movement already begun, looking to the preventing of such conduct in the future, will be brought to a successful issue.

Tallapudi. The Rev. F. J. McCready has looked after the interests of this District with commendable zeal and energy. St. Peter's Church has been built and consecrated. It is a structure which in appearance does credit to the pastor and to all who contributed toward its erection. Mr. McCready has proposed to the Committee to begin some industrial works at Tallapudi, by which employment may be given to the poor Christians, and they may be aided in providing for their support. No action has been taken by the Committee in this matter. It is being held under consideration.

Samulcotta. About six months after Dr. Edman arrived in India, he moved to Samulcotta and took possession of the Mission-house. He found it in such a state of decay that it was hardly safe for occupancy. It has, however, been repaired at considerable cost and is now both neat and comfortable. Dr. Edman writes that having visited nearly all the villages in the District, he found everywhere an open door. Many requests were made for teachers. His knowledge of medicine has brought to his door people from a distance, and the hope is entertained that by his skilful treatment in time of bodily affliction he may be able to lead many souls to Christ.

Velpur and Jagurupad. These are large Districts and are ministered to by the Revs. N. Paulus and T. Joseph, the native pastors. The field embraced is quite encouraging, and one of the pastors says in his last report, "more attention is paid to the Word of God than form-

erly: while many Christians are weak, there is a decided improvement over former years. The laborers are few, yet the Lord has blessed the work more than in past days."

The Seminary.

By resolution of the Missionary Conference, the name of the Boarding School has been changed to that of The Seminary. It consists of both day and boarding scholars from the several Districts, and is divided into five grades. Here are found the more advanced scholars, and those who desire to become teachers are here prepared for such positions. As an illustration of what is being accomplished it may be stated that on March 4, 1891, twenty-one young men graduated from the Seminary, and, at a religious service, specially appointed for the purpose, were solemnly consecrated to the work in which they were to engage. This is the largest number that has ever gone out of the Seminary at one time, and was a source of great encouragement to Mr. Pohl, who has taken great pains to qualify them for their position and its duties. But more encouraging than the mere number was the spirit of these young men. When the vacation arrived they returned to Rajahmundry where they took an additional course of instruction under Mr. Pohl, in which were included Homiletical and Catechetical exercises. As these young men, teachers of village schools, are also expected to preach on Saturdays and Sundays, it is easily seen that such exercises must be helpful to them in pointing their countrymen to the Cross of Christ. And is it not also easily seen that what had been accomplished during the past year made it still more important that a suitable successor to Mr. Pohl should be on the ground to take up the work when his engagement with us would terminate? Indeed, we cannot be too thankful to the Head of the Church that He has raised up one to answer our call and inclined his heart to undertake the work we had already in hand. Our earnest prayer is that the Holy Spirit may ever abide with him so that he may be apt to teach and successful in preparing teachers, catechists, evangelists and pastors for the work of Christ in India.

About eighteen months ago the Committee, at the suggestion of one of the Missionaries, limited the number of scholars in the Seminary to eighty, but more recently the demands of the several Districts have made it appear that this number is too small, and therefore at a recent meeting their former action was rescinded. This leaves the number that may be admitted to the judgment of those in charge of the School. We must meet the increasing demand with an increased supply of

teachers, and this action of the Committee must commend itself to all as both just and proper.

The Zenana Home.

The sending out of Miss Sadtler and Miss Schade not only increased our expenses for traveling and salaries, but also made necessary the erection of a house for their own special use. No other house could be had for them, and those already belonging to the Mission are not able to accommodate permanently a larger number of occupants. Moreover, if Zenana workers are to invite Zenana ladies, women of high caste, to visit them, it must be to a place where they will not be liable to meet the male Missionary. It was, therefore, fully understood by the Committee that a Zenana House must be constructed, and word was sent to Mr. Schmidt to begin the work at once. A place in the Mission compound, and near the printing office, was selected as the most suitable location, and Mr. Schmidt, having drawn the plan and details, began the work as soon as possible. Owing to the construction of a railroad through the District by the Government, and to other conditions, the work has not progressed as rapidly as could have been wished, but we look hopefully to the time, not far off, when in their own house our Zenana workers may meet and point native women to the light of the Gospel, thus dispelling the darkness from many hearts and homes of India.

This house will cost about $1,500, and we are glad to say that nearly the whole of this amount has been paid in or subscribed by friends in this country.

New Buildings Needed.

The Missionaries all agree that a church-building is greatly needed at Bhimawaram in the Velpur District. There are many Christains there who, however, have never had a building specially set apart for religious services, and it is thought that the erection of a church would have an encouraging and happy effect upon all residing in that District. Though no effort has been made as yet to secure funds for this purpose, it is a pleasure to be able to state that some time ago a lady sent us $100 for a church at Bhimawaram, and more recently another has contributed $250 for the same object. The Committee has not yet ordered the construction of such a building, but it will certainly do so when the Zenana Home is finished and provision has been made for other expenses. In many places school-houses and prayer-

sheds are greatly needed. Sometimes these can be secured for as small a sum as fifty dollars, and we sincerely hope that the liberality of the Church will enable us to erect such buildings as rapidly as the work may demand them.

Preaching the Gospel.

While this is done chiefly by the Missionaries in the churches and school-houses of the Districts, the catechists, evangelists and teachers are also employed in publicly bringing the glad news of salvation to the notice of their fellow-countrymen. They and the pastors visit the villages around on Saturday and Sunday. They preach on the street or from a veranda, wherever in fact they are able to gather hearers, and while often there are those present who jeer or try to create disorder, the opposition met with is not as great as it was in former years. The leaven of the Gospel is working, and the prediction now frequently made by those interested in the cause of Missions, that the close of the nineteenth and the beginning of the twentieth century will witness great things for the kingdom of Christ—this prediction would seem to be not without foundation.

But our Missionaries adopt other ways of preaching the Gospel than only by the mouth. By teaching the natives to work and by circulating good literature they try to inculcate the principles of Christianity. In doing the latter the printing press is of great service. As an illustration of its work we may mention The Telugu Lutheran, a 4-page paper, 8x13 inches in size, by means of which many may be reached who otherwise would not hear of Christ.

Schools and Scholarships.

In order to prevent abuses and avoid the making of wrong impressions, and also in order to increase the interest of our people, congregations and Sunday-schools in the school-work, the following resolutions were adopted by the Committee:

1. That the reports of the standing, etc., of the pupils may be sent to their several supporters, but not published in the papers.

2. That all correspondence between the individual pupils and their supporters shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent of the schools.

3. That all gifts or presents for special pupils shall be sent in the care of the Superintendent of the schools, who shall have full authority to hand them to the scholars for whom intended, or to withhold and dispose of them as his judgment shall determine best.

4. That the founding of scholarships, bearing the name of the founder if so desired, be recommended, and that the children who are to enjoy the benefits of such scholarships be selected by the Superintendent, and be solely under his control.

5. That the support of *schools* be recommended to the friends of Missions, with the understanding that no school, by reason of such individual support, shall be exempt from complying with all the rules and regulations that bind the other schools of the District, and also, that if the amount of support thus contributed be greater than the actual demands of the school, the balance shall be turned into the general treasury.

The Grant System.

Some of our Schools have been put under the Government Grant System, that is, they are made subject to inspection by the Government officer, and if the results are satisfactory they are given a certain allowance of money. This does not interfere with the imparting of religious instruction, nor should it encourage any to think that now these schools are not in need of financial assistance. The amount received is small and the demands of the whole work so great that there is just as much need now as ever for contributions of the Church at home.

The School Report

was prepared by the Rev. Mr. Pohl, and laid before the Committee a year ago. As none other has been received since, it is made a part of this Report, although changes have taken place during the year which make it at this present moment not entirely correct.

It might be stated here that recently St. Paul's Sunday-school, Brooklyn, N. Y., the Rev. H. B. Strodach, Pastor, has contributed a sum sufficient to build a school house in the Tallapudi District, and has pledged itself for the amount annually required for the teacher's salary.

Mission Schools in India.

I. LIST OF SCHOOLS SUPPORTED.

NAME OF THE SCHOOL.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
The Caste Girls' School	Rajahmundry	St. John's S. S. and St. Mark's S. S., Philadelphia, Pa.
The Mahommedan Girls' School	Rajahmundry	Young Ladies' Society and S. S. of Holy Trinity. New York.
The School in Gorlamudi	Velpur District	Children's Miss. Society, Rev. Evald's Sunday-school, Chicago, Ill.
The School at Srirangapatnam	Korukonda District	Ladies' Missionary Society, Rev. Evald's Church, Chicago, Ill.

II. LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

NAME OF SCHOLAR SUPPORTED.	NATIVE PLACE.	NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP.
Lankapalli Joseph	Agartpalem	Charles Henry Heinitsch.
P. Abraham	Gonegudiem	Artman, St. Stephen's S. S., Phila., Pa.
H. Ratnamma	.....	Ann Maurer.
U. Benjamin	.....	Anna L. Hass.

III. LIST OF TEACHERS SUPPORTED.

NAME.	LOCATION.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
N. Isaac	Samulcotta	Mrs. Evald's Bible Class, Chicago, Ill.
C. James	Rajahmundry	St. John's Sunday-school, Allentown, Pa.
B. John	Gonegudiem	Trinity Sunday-school, Reading, Pa.
J. John (Henry)	Rajahmundry	St. Paul's (German) S. S., Philadelphia, Pa.
K. Gopalem	Rajahmundry	St. Johannis' Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa.
R. Paradesi	Rajahmundry	Missionary Society, Mulberry, Ind.
P. Peter	Tallapudi	F. Burtram, Ill.
D. Broomiah	Tallapudi	First Lutheran Church S. S., Columbus, O.
Ch. Anandam	Kovur, Tallapudi Dist.	Miss Brant.
An Evangelist	Tallapudi District	F. J. McCready Miss. Soc., Lehighton, Pa.
A Teacher	Tallapudi District	Rev. R. Narrborn, Knoxville, Ill.
P. Mesech	Dusanapudi	St. Luke's Sunday-school, Philadelphia, Pa.
A. Benjamin	Kolamur	Mission Band, Zion's Church, Greensburg, Pa.
A. Daniel	Garagaparru	Bethlehem Sunday-school, Washington Co., Pa.
N. Benjamin	Vandra	Miss. Society, Solomon's Church, Macungie, Pa.
D. Mamayah	Samulcotta District	Rehoboth and Crow's Run S. S., Beaver Co., Pa.
B. Benjamin	Chinamiram	Telugu Class, St. Mark's, Philadelphia, Pa.
T. Joseph	Uppulur	Salem's Sunday-school, Bethlehem, Pa.
K. Johanu	Jagurupad District	Rev. J. Fox, Emlenton, Pa.
K. Daniel	Doummoor	Missionary League, Adamsburg, Pa.

IV. LIST OF SCHOLARS IN THE BOARDING SCHOOL, 1890.

A.—Boys.

Admission Year.	Class.	NAME.	VILLAGE.	Age.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
884	VI.	Potu Razu Mark	Pedamiram	17	I. G. Wagner's Class, Zion's S. S., Rochester, N. Y.
880	"	Adanki Jacob	Mahadevipatnam	16	Transfiguration S. S., Pottst'n, Pa.
883	"	Morumpudi Daniel	Murramunda	15	St. Michael's S. S., Germant'n, Pa.
885	"	Mungamuri Devadasu	Jagurupad	15	Holy Trinity S. S., Buffalo, N. Y.
884	V.	Palaparthi Nathanael	Korapadu	16	Frieden's Church and S. S., Myerstown, Pa.
884	"	Adla Samuel	Murramunda	14	
885	"	Thaluri Matthew	Anakoderu	17	
885	"	Thaluri Salamon	Murramunda	16	Miss. Soc. St. Peter's S. S., South Bethlehem, Pa.
890	"	Gadi Isaac	Samulcotta	17	E. R. Lichtenwalner Miss. Soc., Macungie, Pa.
886	"	Rajapati Samuel	Jagurupad	15	
889	"	Pasuputti Martin	Salur	17	
889	IV.	Sandarpa Joshua	Salur	17	Prince Julius, brother of King Christian of Denmark (for Breklum Mission.)
883	"	Andikoory Bushanan	Anakoderu	14	Miss Magdalena C. Merkle, Tidioute, Pa.
887	"	Sada Lazarus	Singaram	15	Turbotville Charge, Rev. A. P. Pflueger.
887	"	Vemuluri Benjamin	Nandamuru	11	
887	"	Kadimi Gabriel	Pedahene	11	St. Mark's S. S., Pennsburg, Pa.
885	"	Mungamuri Samuel	Jagurupad	13	Zelienople Sunday-school, Pa.
886	"	Matthiam Alexander	Kala	17	Zion's S. S., Wilmington, Del.
886	"	Raya Jesudasu	Kesawarem	15	Mission League, Phillipsburg, Pa.,
886	"	Perusa Gabriel	Muramunda	13	
881	"	Murry Abraham	Dowlaishwaram	15	Father Heyer's Miss. Soc., Theol. Sem., Philadelphia, Pa.
886	III.	Potti Stephen	Kumadavelli	17	
889	"	Jadenki Immanuel	Vizagapatnam	16	Ladies' Sewing Soc., St. Peter's, N. Y.
889	"	Veeravelli Isaac	Jagurupad	14	
889	"	Balla Anandam	Jagurupad	12	St. Mark's S. S., New York.
889	"	Irlapadi Johanu	Murramunda	12	Mr. John Keck, Shannondale, Pa.
889	"	Dasari Samuel	Anakoderu	17	Zion's German Lutheran S. S., Easton, Pa.
889	"	Manukonda Lazarus	Rayalem	18	Grace S. S., Bethlehem, Pa.
882	"	Thaluri Jakobu	Anakoderu	15	Eng. Luth. S S., Williamsport, Pa.
883	"	Sandhi Prakashamu	Anakoderu	14	Mrs. Kinselman, Middle Village, L. I.
889	"	Polanmuri Davidu	Mahadenpatnam	10	S. S. 1st Eng. Luth. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
889	"	Gaddam Sadhervu	Jagurupad	10	St. John's S. S., Easton, Pa.
888	"	Vardanapu Joseph	Pedamiram	12	Miss Nora C. Ohl, Cherryville, Pa.
889	"	Mungamuri Ratnam	Jagurupad	13	Luth. Memorial S. S., Erie, Pa.
883	"	Budithi Narainaswami	Vodali	13	Edwin Lukens.
...	"	Sappidi Mark	Samulcotta		Mrs. S. and L. Bersh, Erie, Pa.
886	"	Jungam Cornelius	Jagurupad	11	Ungdows Ver. Aug. Swedish Ch., Minneapolis.
888	"	Gadham Lazarus	Pedahem	12	
889	"	Nita Moses	Attili	17	Luth. Mission League of Leechburg, Pa.
889	II.	Yemulusi Ruben	Tallapudi	16	
889	"	Nuthangi Jacob	Muduri	17	First Luth. Church Miss. Soc., Columbus, O.
889	"	Ravadi Peter	Kesawarem	13	Sunday-school, Frieden's, Pa.
889	"	Penumaka Dwarkadasu	Pedahem	17	Y. L. Class Engl. Luth. Church S. S., Saegerstown, Pa.
890	"	Ethapodu John	Mallaishwaram	11	
890	"	Pitula Abraham	Gonegudiem	15	St. Stephen's, Philada., Artman Scholarship.
889	"	Pantakani Paradesi	Mahadevipatnam	10	Rev. Pflueger, Turbotville, Pa.
884	"	Muppidi Samuel	Pedahem	16	
890	"	Balla Lazarus	Jagurupad	10	
890	"	Prathipadi Gabriel	Jagurupad	11	

A.—Boys—Continued.

Admission Year.	Class.	NAME.	VILLAGE.	Age.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1890	II.	Vukatalli Prakashamu.	Murramunda.....	17	
1888	"	Vizapu Veerana.....	Vizagapatnam	11	
1890	"	Vemuluri Jacob.....	Nandamuru	10	
1890	"	Bathini Samuel.....	Gonegudiem	10	The Churches and S. S.'s., at Mes ville and Franklin, Pa.
1890	"	Bhupati Joseph.....	Sisali.....	11	Rev. I. Shunk and wife, Shera ville, O.
1889	"	Bopati Matthew.....	Sisali.....	10	Rev. Uriah P. Heilman, Atl Berks Co., Pa.
1889	"	Pidakala Gamaliel.....	Rayalem	10	
1890	"	Vemulnri Jacob.....	Tallapudi	12	
1889	"	Raya Jacob.....	Kesawaram	12	Salem S. S., Lebanon, Pa.
1889	I.	Komisetti Paul	Duva.....	14	
1889	"	Gosapadu Lewis.....	Dowlaishwaram.....	10	
1889	"	Sigiripalli Jacob.....	Dumeru	8	
1890	"	Sigiripalli Johanu.....	Dumeru	10	
1889	III.	Potti Aaron.....	Mallaishwaram	13	
1890	Inf't.	Geddam Daniel.....	Novapett.....	11	
1887	I.	Gollapali Edward.....	Murramunda.....	10	
1890	Inf't	Didla Deivasahapam.....	Ramchendrapuram.	.....	
1889	"	Budhiti Joseph.....	Vodali.....	8	
1889	III.	Lankalapalli Joseph.....	Agartipalem.....	16	The Heinitsch Scholarship.
1889	"	Pilli James.....	Agartipalem	16	Trinity S. S., Lancaster, Pa.
1889	"	Pilli Samuel.....	Agartipalem	13	
1889	"	Mailabotala Mesech.....	Agartipalem	13	
1890	"	Eluru Daniel.....	Likitapudi.....	.....	
.....	.....	U. Benjamin.....	.....	.....	The Anna L. Hass Scholarsh supported by Helena Hass.

B.—Girls.

Admission Year.	Class.	NAME.	VILLAGE.	Age.	BY WHOM SUPPORTED.
1884	II.	Sadhi Martha.....	Singaram	13	Helpers, Grace Church, Lancast Pa.
1885	"	Gollapalli Martha.	Murramunda.....	11	Mission League, Phillipsburg,
1888	"	Haridasu Ratnamma.....	Mukkamala.....	10	The Ann Maurer Scholarship, M Clara Graeff, Germant'n, Pa.
1889	"	Mungamuri Rahel.....	Jagurupad.....	11	Busy Bees, St. Peter's, Philad phia, Pa.
1890	"	Veravalli Eleonora.....	Jagurupad.....	11	Sunday-school, Zion's, Easton,
1888	I.	Vemuluri Satyavatti.....	Nundamura.....	8	Miss Klingler, St. Peter's, N York.
1888	"	Pulumati Kantama.....	Novapett	9	Miss Eva Meyer's S. S. Class, I chester, N. Y.
1889	"	Pulumati Shantama.....	Novapett.....	7	Miss. Soc., St. Peter's S. S., Beth hem, Pa.
1890	"	Yelapati Kantama.....	Murramunda	10	Children's Miss. Soc., St. John Allentown, Pa.
1889	"	Rapaka Shantama.....	Munakodavelli.....	12	Trinity Church, Middle Villa L. I.
1889	"	Gaddam Maria.....	Novapett.....	10	St. Peter's S. S , Bethlehem, Pa.
1889	"	Gosali Annama.....	Bolledupadu.....	13	
1889	"	Potti Shantama.....	Mallaishwaram.....	11	Salem's (Swedish) Ch. S. S., Dal Minn.
1889	"	Vondumati Maria.....	Nadipudi.....	11	First Engl. Luth. Ch. S. S., Pit burgh, Pa.
1889	Inf't.	Taluri Anna.....	Yediti.....	12	
1890	"	Balipu Karuna.....	Tallapudi	7	Jumonville Soldiers' Orpha School, Pa.
1890	"	Yerlapadi Maria.....	Muranumdu.....	8	Infant School, St. Michael's, G mantown, Pa.
.....	"	Gallapali Elizabeth.....	Murramunda.....	14	Mrs. Birnbaum, Philadelphia,
.....	"	A Rahel.....	.....	.....	Gertie and Katie Bender, Jon town, Pa.
.....	"	A. Shantama.....	.....	.....	Mrs. Hoats, Allentown, Pa.

Mission Publications.

The Committee, even before the last meeting of the General Council, resolved to publish some Tracts on subjects connected with the cause of Missions, but owing to various circumstances nothing has as yet been done in this direction. We are happy, however, to state that in a few cases, individuals have endeavored by means of suitable publications, to arouse the intelligent interest of the Church in our great work, among which may be mentioned, Catechism on India. *Missions in India and the Telugu Lutheran Mission of the General Council. By the Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Schmidt;* and Missions Among the Telugus. *By the Rev. G. H. Trabert.*

These publications have received the endorsement of your Committee. If they could be widely scattered through our congregations and Sunday-schools, there is no doubt that the work we are trying to do would be more appreciated and the needed sympathy and co-operation be more freely given.

Our Mission Papers.

The Missions-Bote and The Foreign Missionary have regularly appeared every month. The former is in the fourteenth and the latter in the twelfth year of its existence. Since our last report the editorial management of The Mission-Bote has been placed in the hands of the Rev. F. W. Weiskotten, and the business department of both papers has been transferred to the Rev. H. Grahn, both of whom have faithfully and acceptably discharged the duties thus devolving upon them. The editorial management of The Foreign Missionary remains unchanged. In our last report it was stated that 18,000 copies of The Missions-Bote were printed. This was a correct statement, but the number of copies run through the press was greatly in excess of the list of subscribers. The number printed for Sept., 1891, was 13,800, and the number of copies of The Foreign Missionary was 6,000.

By looking at the Treasurer's accounts it will be seen that our German paper is a source of revenue, while the English paper does not quite meet the expense of publication. This latter fact is not because the number of subscribers is not large, but because many are not careful enough to pay the small subscription price regularly every year. If every subscription were paid promptly when due The Foreign Missionary as well as The Missions-Bote would have a balance to turn into the general treasury.

As there can be no question about the service both of these papers are rendering to the cause of Missions, we would suggest to the General Council to take such action as may help to secure for them a still wider circulation in all of the Synods here represented.

Mission Leagues, Societies, Etc.

In recent years there has been a great increase in the number of such organizations. Their object is to work for Missions, and our work has felt something of their influence and activity. They have added to our contributions, they have increased the number of persons interested in the salvation of the heathen, they have multiplied the prayers in behalf of the progress of the Gospel. We heartily thank them for their active co-operation, and pray that they may continue laboring to bring the heathen to Christ.

Boxes for India.

In the summer of 1890, and again in 1891, a number of boxes containing clothing, fruits, etc., were sent to our Missionaries, for their own use and for distribution as Christmas presents to the children of the schools in the several Districts. The interest and liberality shown by those who contributed to these boxes were very gratifying to your Committee, as well as encouraging and helpful to the Missionaries. Mrs. R. A. Diehl, of Allentown, Pa., Miss M. A. Miller, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. M. E. Scully, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the ladies who took charge of this work are entitled to special mention in this report as a grateful acknowledgment of their untiring zeal for the Mission cause.

Shall we Participate?

Your Committee has received a very cordial invitation to unite in considering "the question of a united religious exhibit at the Columbian Exposition in 1893, and the further question of erecting a suitable building for such an exhibit." As a participation in such a movement might involve us in some expense and thus divert a portion of our funds from the use for which they were contributed, your Committee was unable to come to a decision and therefore requests the General Council to give an expression of its opinion as to the course it should follow.

Changes in the Committee.

The Rev. G. C. Gardner having removed from Philadelphia to Newark, N. J., has not been meeting the Committee for some time. He was faithful and diligent in performing every duty laid upon him and his removal was a loss to the Committee and the cause. Mr. Fred. Bauer sent in his resignation as a member of the Committee in Sept., 1890. It was accepted at a subsequent meeting.

The Report of the Treasurer will show the following figures:

THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Receipts (since last report and including balance)	$25,351 60
Expenditures	25,978 63
Overdrawn	$ 627 03

The Missions-Bote.

Receipts	$ 4,357 75
Expenditures	2,751 65
Balance	$ 1,606 10

Foreign Missionary.

Receipts	$ 1,140 15
Expenditures	1,351 45
Overdrawn	$ 211 30

Summary.

Balance		1,606 10
Overdrawn, Missionary Fund	$627 03	
" Foreign Missionary	211 30	
		838 33
Actual balance		$ 767 77

The Foreign Mission Fund—Compared with last Report:

	1889.	1891.
Receipts	$12,177 04	$25,351 60
Expenditures	11,978 70	25,978 63

It will be seen from this that the average of contributions for the past two years was $12,675.80 a year, or about $500.00 more than for the year 1889, the time of our last Report. The average of expenditures was $12,989.32, an increase of about $1,000.00 a year.

Here is a fact that may well receive attention. Are our expenses too heavy? If so, they can be reduced only by curtailing the work and by closing doors which have been opened for us to enter. Shall we do this? Are we ready to withdraw from any part of the field or work to which God has most certainly led us? Ought we not rather labor to enkindle more enthusiasm among our congregations for this great work and to provoke them to more liberal action?

It may well be asked whether the membership of the General Council is doing its whole duty in carrying out the divine command to take the Gospel to the heathen. We have not many Missions among different races and tribes of men, but this one Mission only, and surely it is deserving of a more liberal support than it has as yet received.

We again direct attention to the fact that the Treasurer, Wm. H. Staake, Esq., has given to the duties of his position very careful and faithful attention, and he has done so at his own personal cost of both time and money. The Committee fully appreciates Mr. Staake's self-denying interest in the work and trusts that the General Council

will express its sense of gratitude to the Treasurer for the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Statistics.

The School and Parochial Reports give the following figures:

Missionaries (including one on his way to India)	5
Missionaries' wives	5
Unmarried women (Zenana workers)	2
Native Pastors	2
Teachers, catechists, etc.	88
Bible woman	1
Total number of Mission workers	103
Districts	6
Villages	127
Baptized—adults and children	955
Confirmed	76
Communicants	978
Whole number of Christians	3056
Number of children in the schools	1473

What is Needed.

While we sincerely thank God for what has been accomplished during the two years just passed, we cannot be indifferent to the fact that the results might have been much greater if our congregations had shown a keener interest in the effort being made to bring the heathen to the knowledge of Christ Jesus. What is needed then is to stir up all hearts to a greater sense of individual responsibility in this blessed undertaking. It is not only for Synods, Conferences and congregations to resolve to help along the work of Missions, but it is for every individual member to give to, work and pray for the efforts put forth to bring the heathen to the glorious light of the Gospel. We therefore recommend that the Synods here represented be requested to urge every Pastor to present the Mission cause to his congregation and Sunday-school, that by united efforts, increased offerings and earnest prayer we may be able to extend our work, tell many more of the Saviour's love, and glorify His name among the heathen of India, who as yet are ignorant of His salvation. If the Council will take such action as will lead to every congregation contributing its share of money, work and prayers for this cause, there would in the near future be such a shower of blessings poured out upon the Church in India and the Church at home that in grateful surprise every devout heart would be constrained to exclaim: Lo! what God hath wrought.

Remembering with gratitude, the blessing our work has enjoyed, and praying the Great Head of the Church to bestow His Spirit and favor yet more and more upon the Church here and the Church in India, this Report is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Ashmead Schaeffer,
Corresponding Secretary.

October 15, 1891.

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